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FRAUD DENIED.

\$400,000 Mortgage Case Echo.

LOO FAMILY AFFAIRS.

Counsel Comments On Conduct Of Interpreters.

Another appeal against the decision of Mr. Justice J. R. Wood commenced this morning before the Full Court (consisting of Sir H. C. Gollan, Sir Peter Grain and Mr. Justice J. R. Wood).

Appellants were Loo Kwong-lam and Loo Kwong-hin and respondents, Li Kun-chun and Kan Tong-po.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., and Mr. H. G. Sheldon were for appellants and Mr. F. C. Jenkin for respondents.

The case arose out of the division of the property of Loo Kau, a Macao millionaire, between the various sons. In the course of his judgment, Mr. Justice J. R. Wood had found that the two appellants in the present action (who were two brothers) had fraudulently misrepresented their age in becoming parties to a mortgage for \$400,000 and, in consequence refused to grant any of the declarations asked for by them in respect of the mortgage, without certain undertakings being entered into.

St. Stephen's Students.

Mr. Potter said that the appeal was against Mr. Justice Wood's decision in an action in which the plaintiffs, as infants, sought to be relieved of the terms of a certain mortgage. Loo Kau, the father of the plaintiffs, died on September 16, 1907, leaving sixteen sons surviving, the first plaintiff, who was born on April 25, 1904, being the fourteenth son and the second plaintiff, who was born on August 2, 1906, being the sixteenth son. Both were partly educated at St. Stephen's College, Hong Kong.

At the date on which the mortgage was put through (Feb. 10, 1925), the first plaintiff was aged twenty years and nine and a half months whilst the second plaintiff was aged nineteen and a half. There was no dispute as to their having been infants at the time of the transaction.

After the death of the father, and at a time when the two plaintiffs were babies, disputes arose with regard to the property, mainly as to the existence of property in Hong Kong, some branches holding that the father had left no property here and others that he had left it in the name of elder sons and that these sons were not "playing the game" by the family in retaining the property as their own.

Findings of Fraud.

The dispute was ended for a time, continued counsel, by a deed of settlement drawn up on February 18, 1924, under which the four elder brothers were trustees. This still did not satisfy all the beneficiaries, other disputes arose, and eventually solicitors in Hong Kong were consulted with the result that an Original Jurisdiction action was started, the four brothers being plaintiffs, viz. the 10th, 11th, 12th and 14th sons. The interest of this writ lay in the fact that Lam, the first plaintiff in this appeal, there sued as an infant by his next friend, which would have a bearing when it came to the consideration of the findings of fraud against the two plaintiffs in the present case.

It was obvious, claimed counsel, that on August 12, 1924, only about six months before the mortgage with which they were concerned was signed, Lam—who was stated by His Honour to have been guilty of fraudulent concealment of age by representation that he was of age when he was in fact an infant—had declared himself as an infant in that he openly sued as such. When one came to the question of the interpreter Sung who figured largely in the case, it was obvious that plaintiff must not only have declared his infancy but also the date of his birth, because no sane man in the position of a solicitor's interpreter would refrain from asking the date of birth when his client informed him he was an infant.

Interpreter's Conduct.

This interpreter, Sung, stated counsel, was now dead. It was eminently distasteful to criticise a dead man but was it worse to criticise the dead than to convict the living of fraud? asked counsel.

RUSSIAN SEAMEN.

English Coroner's Censure.

"ALCANTARA" VICTIM.

Russians Should Have Thought Little More Of Others.

London, Yesterday.
In giving a verdict of death from drowning at the inquest on the "Alcantara" victim the coroner said he failed to see why something was not done on the Russian ship to save lives. They should have thought a little more of others and less of themselves.—Reuter.

COL. W. F. L. GORDON.

SHANGHAI VOLUNTEER COMMANDANT.

LEAVING FOR HOME.

Shanghai, Yesterday.
Colonel W. F. L. Gordon, Commandant of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps, is leaving for home in the s.s. "Macedonia." He is retiring owing to his health having broken down.

According to official sources Colonel Gordon was primarily responsible for the advice to the War Office which resulted in the urgent despatch of the Shanghai Defence Force a year ago (while meantime making excellent dispositions for the defence of the International Settlement) which almost certainly saved the Settlement from plunder.—Reuter.

SHIP PIRATED.

VESSEL RANSACKED AND PASSENGERS TAKEN.

Foochow, Yesterday.
The Chinese passenger steamer "Hua An," which left Shanghai on February 24, arrived at Pagoda Anchorage to-day after a thrilling, though unhappy, experience at the hands of 14 pirates who, after saturating parts of the ship with kerosene, threatened to set it on fire and scuttle it if a gunboat hove in sight.

Not content with five cases of piece goods and \$10,000 stolen from the passengers, the pirates made off with four passengers and the ship's shroff.—Reuter.

against Sung that he agreed to help the parties to this action to effect a settlement of the disputes by which he was to be paid ten per cent. of the property recovered.

Counsel claimed that the evidence proved that these two plaintiffs never had it brought home to them by Sung, or by Leung, the interpreter on the other side, or by the solicitors concerned, that if they were under the age of twenty-one the document they signed was so much waste paper. It was a remarkable fact that although, as would be seen from the evidence, the second plaintiff looked a youth, never once was the question put to them throughout the negotiations "when were you born?"

Did They Understand? Plaintiffs had been convicted of fraud in spite of this and in spite of the fact that the document they signed was couched in language which it would be difficult for a lad in England thoroughly conversant with the language properly to understand.

Counsel also referred to the interpreter Leung, who acted for the other side in the negotiations between the parties and who, in spite of this, (claimed counsel) acquiesced in the suggestion of Sung that he (Leung) should help the plaintiffs to get what they were entitled to and in return for this was to receive 5 per cent. of the amount recovered.

Counsel referred to Leung's evidence and said that it was clear from this that he had in fact received this payment, although the explanation was given regarding certain cheques paid to his account that the amount—exactly coincident with 5 per cent. of the proceeds—was paid to him by Sung on behalf of a debtor. This evidence could not be accepted by anyone, claimed counsel, and it was plain.

WHAT CHINA WANTS.

New Foreign Minister's Statement.

A COMMON AIM.

Restoration Of National Sovereign Rights.

Peking, Yesterday.
Mr. Lo Wen-kan, the new Foreign Minister, has issued a statement on his policy.

He points out that while the country is in the throes of civil strife he cannot expect satisfactory progress in the adjustment of international relations but whatever is conducive towards the strengthening of international friendship and promoting goodwill among Chinese people and foreign nations must be encouraged.

Mr. Lo also said: "Whether in the North or South, whatever the faction or party, it is the revision of unequal treaties for which our people have been striving in the past decade; and we are as one voice in that our fortunes as a nation depend on the realisation of this common aim."

"It grows out of the desire for self-respect and progress and cannot be suppressed."

"In recent years, friendly Powers have come to understand our attitude and there have been numerous declarations of promising assistance for the realisation of our aspirations. I am convinced that the attitude of the Powers is sincere. So we ought with united voice devise concrete plans. What we ask is merely the restoration of our national sovereign rights and we hope our friends will be moved by our appeal."—Reuter.

LATE ARCHDEACON.

REV. WM. BANISTER PASSES AWAY.

43 YEARS IN CHINA.

London, Yesterday.
The death is announced of the Rt. Rev. William Banister, rector of Selham, Sussex, first Bishop of Kwangsi, who was associated with missionary work in China for 43 years.—Reuter.

[The Rev. William Banister was Archdeacon of Hong Kong from 1902 to 1909. He was ordained in 1879 and was appointed to the curacy of Baldersstone the same year. He was with the C.M.S. at Foochow from 1880 to 1887 and at Kucheng from the latter year until 1894. Three years were then spent as principal at the Foochow College, after which he came to Hong Kong as secretary for the C.M.S., remaining here until 1909. He was consecrated Lord Bishop of Kwangsi and Hunan in Westminster Abbey on November 30, 1909, by the Archbishop of Canterbury.]

FLYING CLUBS.

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT SCHEME.

London, Yesterday.
The Canadian Government are extending their scheme for the establishment of flying clubs in the Dominion. Forty de Havilland Moth light aeroplanes have already been delivered from England or are on order for the government and private enterprises in Canada and the Canadian Government have ordered another 20 machines for the new flying clubs.—British Wireless Service.

OUT OF WORK.

FALL IN BRITISH FIGURES.

London, Yesterday.
The latest official report gives the total number of unemployed as 1,136,700. This is 23,072 less than a week before and 59,359 less than a year ago.—British Wireless Service.

SHAFORCE DETAILS.

500 LEAVE SHANGHAI FOR HOME.

Shanghai, Yesterday.
Five hundred Shanghai Defence Force details went home on the "City of Marseilles" this

THE NATIONALISTS.

Chiang Kai-shek Still Active.

WILL WU-HAN JOIN?

New Revolt Against "Christian General."

With Chiang Kai-shek as the moving spirit, the Nationalist Government at Nanking is very busy organising the forces for a new offensive against the Peking Government.

While no decision has been come to in connection with the Wu-Han (Nationalist) units in Hunan and Hupoh, under Generals Pei Chung-hsi and Cheng Chien, Chiang Kai-shek is reported to be desirous of bringing all available troops from as far off as Szechuen province for the anti-Peking expedition. It is difficult to say at the moment whether the Wu-Han Generals will obey Chiang Kai-shek.

Group Commanders.

Shanghai, Yesterday.
The Nanking Nationalist military council has appointed Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, General Feng Yu-hsiang and General Yen Hsi-shan as commanders-in-chief of the first, second, and third group armies respectively.—Reuter.

The Fourth Appointment.

General Tan Yen-kai was nominated for the command of the 4th Group Army some time ago but his appointment is not being mentioned at present because it

RAIN AND FOG.

"North or variable winds, moderate to light; overcast, rain, fog" is the Observatory's forecast till noon to-morrow.

To-day's mid-day report says:—The anti-cyclone is now central near Tokyo. Conditions over China are uncertain.

is known what reception the Wu-Han Generals will give him should he go to Hankow.

Latest news about the supposed Red attack on Kweilin city, the capital of Kwangsi province (which is also under General Li Chai-sum of Canton) is that the attackers were not Communists but a force under Shen Hung-ying, who was a factor in the old Kwangsi clique but is opposed to the present Kwangsi faction of which Li Chai-sum and Pei Chung-hsi make two of the big four. Shen Hung-ying's force has been repulsed, the report says. In any case, the incident has no connection with Nationalist developments elsewhere in China and is only local in its scope.

Canton's Support.

The two Kwang provinces are giving Chiang Kai-shek moral, if not material, support. The only place where opposition to Nanking might be found is in Hunan and Hupoh.

There is no further news about General Yen Hsi-shan of Shanai, an ally of Chiang Kai-shek. Another ally, the "Christian General," is reported by the "Kung Shoung Yat Po" to be facing a new rebellion. At Sinyang (in Honan, between Hankow and Chengchow), on the Peking-Hankow Railway, rebel units are said to be joining hands with dissatisfied Shensi troops, against the "Christian General."

Yunnan Rebels Crushed.

Yunnanfu, Feb. 18.
The Yunnan Provincial Government has won a real victory against a rival faction which once threatened danger. Actions were fought in the east of the province and the Government troops have now marched to Talifu to deal with another rival, or rebel, element. At the head of the latter is Tang San, believed to be a kinsman of a former Governor, General Tang Chi-yao, who fell in the maelstrom of Nationalist influence.—Our own correspondent.

Pro-Nationalist.

Yunnan is a fairly large province in the south-west corner of China Proper. The present administration in the capital, Yunnanfu, is believed to be pro-Nationalist. Other administrations are likely to be in existence elsewhere as the province is badly connected up and very mountainous. Yunnanfu is connected with French Indo-China by railway. Mr. J. J. Muccio, an American Consul in Hong Kong, has just

BIGGER DIVIDEND.

Wharf & Godown Co.'s Meeting.

DREDGING AT KOWLOON.

Improvements For Comfort Of Passengers.

Payment of a bigger dividend was approved to-day at the 41st annual meeting of the Hong Kong Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., held in the board-room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.

Developments at Kowloon, such as dredging in connection with the Government to make a depth of 32 feet, new construction, and improvements for the comfort of passengers to and from liners alongside wharves, were mentioned by the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard (chairman) in his review. Supporting the chairman were Messrs. A. H. Compton, A. W. Hayward, T. G. Weall, Allan Cameron, A. S. Gubbay, C. G. S. Mackie (directors) and Mr. F. H. Crappell (secretary). Shareholders present were Messrs. J. T. Bagram, W. S. Bailey, R. K. Valentine, J. H. Shaw, A. Piercy, J. H. Taggart, A. Murdoch, Fung Kong-un, L. S. Greenhill, C. H. W. Kew, F. C. Hall, N. V. A. Croucher.

The notice convening was read by the secretary. The directors' report and accounts for 1927, and the auditors' certificate were taken as read. The chairman then read his address as follows:—

The net profit for the year under review amounts to \$662,305.56, and this, together with \$332,733.68 brought forward from the previous year, makes a total of \$995,039.24 to be dealt with at this meeting. It is proposed to pay a dividend of \$8 per share, absorbing \$640,000 and to carry forward the balance of \$355,039.24. This dividend is \$2 per share larger than that paid for 1926 and I trust the proposal will meet with the approval of shareholders.

Your directors have transferred \$50,000 to renewals account, which will bring that account up to \$100,000.
More Than Sufficient Depth.
\$5,000.00 has been placed to dredging account and is about half the estimated cost of dredging between the wharves. This work will be done in conjunction with dredging operations now being carried out by the Government. The whole area around the wharves will be dredged to provide a depth of 32 feet of water at lowest spring tide, which is more than sufficient depth required by any vessels using the wharves at the present time.

Turning to the balance sheet, you will observe that \$789,619.09 has been expended on Kowloon land. This represents the purchase of the front portion of Kowloon Marine Lot No. 49, which was acquired for the purpose of a timber yard. It has an area of 213,300 square feet with a water frontage of 660 feet, and makes an excellent site for our timber business. It has enabled us to terminate the lease of the Railway Reclamation property, which we have been renting for storing timber since 1922.

Up-to-Date Godown.
The \$693,138.17 added to Kowloon Buildings is the balance paid on the new godown which was completed at the end of the year and is now in use. This is a four-storey building with total floor of 150,000 square feet, the storage capacity being about 30,000 tons. It has a electric conveyor on the outside for landing cargo to the three upper floors and twelve electric cranes inside the godowns for stacking cargo. The building is thoroughly up to date in every respect and is a very useful addition to our property. There is a passage way on the south side of the building leading direct to Canton Road for the use of passengers from steamers berthed at No. 1 wharf. This will avoid the necessity of passengers having to walk amongst cranes and cargo trucks the whole length of the praya to the ferry.

Launches and Lighters.
The expenditure of \$5,000.00 on launches is a payment on a launch now under construction to replace one of the older boats.
Under Lighters, the \$101,736.21 expended is the cost of six large steel craft for carrying timber. These are used for the discharge of timber steamers in the stream, which hitherto discharged along

AIR LLOYDS.

International Register Issued.

INSPECTION CHANGES.

Scheme Will Provide Advantages From Insurance Viewpoint.

London, Yesterday.
The first issue of the new aircraft International Register, which will be to commercial aircraft what Lloyds is to shipping, has now been published. Its interest extends to something more than a mere register, for its organisers are preparing to take over from the Air Ministry the inspection of all privately-owned British aircraft for the renewal of their airworthiness certificates.

The system comparable to that which pertains to shipping is aimed at. The Board of Trade exercises a strict survey over certain classes of ships and especially passenger vessels, and classification in Lloyds register forms in the main the basis of insurance rates. If the present plans materialise the Air Ministry Airworthiness Department, as before, will be responsible for each aircraft when issued from the factory, but the aircraft register will be responsible for seeing it is maintained in accordance with Government regulations. It is pointed out that such a scheme will provide advantages from the insurance viewpoint similar to those provided by Lloyds register.—British Wireless Service.

DESERT FIGHTING.

ITALIANS IN ACTION IN AFRICA.

ARAB CASUALTIES.

Rome, Yesterday.
A series of brilliant military operations entailing the hardest fighting by the Italian colonial troops during past years, has resulted in the Italian forces extending their occupation to the edge of the Libyan desert.

Well-armed Arabs fought to the last gasp and left 300 dead in a single action near Tegrift.

Their total losses were between 400 and 500. The Italian casualties were 200.

A strong Italian column from Cyrenaica later occupied, without fighting, the Oasis of Augila and the little towns of Elergh and Ellebba. Thus the headquarters of the Benussi passed into Italy's possession without contest.—Reuter.

valuable berth which is now used by vessels bringing general cargo. The amount of \$2,500 written off Lighters is small, and is due to the fact that the lighters were only delivered towards the close of the year.

Increase in Working.
Comparing last year's work with that of the previous year, we landed 871,065 tons of cargo against 847,057 tons; 814 steamers discharged at the wharves against 739 in 1926. These figures show an increase of 224,000 tons and 75 vessels. We landed 90,000 tons from vessels in the stream and transhipped a total of 350,000 tons.

I do not think there is anything else that calls for comment, and I now beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts. When this has been seconded, I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions shareholders may wish to ask.

Other Business.
Mr. A. H. Compton seconded. No question was put and the proposal was carried unanimously. Other business transacted at the meeting comprised:—Confirmation of appointments of Mr. A. W. Hayward and C. G. S. Mackie as directors—proposed by Mr. J. T. Bagram, seconded by Mr. W. S. Bailey. Re-election of Mr. A. S. Gubbay and Mr. Frank Austin, the retiring directors—proposed by Mr. J. H. Taggart, seconded by Mr. A. Murdoch. Re-election of Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, and Messrs. Linstead and Davis, as accountants—proposed by Mr. A. Piercy, seconded by Mr. R. K. Valentine.

Dividend warrants can be applied for to-morrow.

NAVAL CHANGES.

China Seas Hero Promoted.

LEVESON RETIRES.

Echo Of "Hong Moh" Disaster In 1921.

London, To-day.
Admiral Sir Arthur Leveson has retired, and Captain E. R. G. Evans has been promoted Rear-Admiral.—Reuter.

Admiral Sir Arthur Leveson was Commander-in-Chief of the China Station during 1922-24 and also late Commanding 2nd Battle Squadron. He was a Rear-Admiral at the outbreak of war and served with distinction at the battle of Jutland Bank. He is sixty years of age.

Captain Evans has had a most adventurous career and is an officer of great gallantry as proved by his record during the war and subsequently. He commanded H.M.S. "Broke" when that vessel, with H.M.S. "Swift" in 1917 engaged and defeated six German destroyers and also took part in many other severe actions.

Captain Evans is the holder of many distinctions and medals including many for saving life at sea. Notable among the latter is Lloyds' medal won in the "Hong Moh" disaster in China seas in 1921 when, as Commander of H.M.S. "Carlisle" he was responsible for the saving of 221 Chinese lives.

Antarctic Explorer.

Captain Evans was second in command of the British Antarctic Expedition of 1909 and returned in command after the death of Captain Scott.

The official record of the "Hong Moh" disaster is as follows:—

On March 3, 1921, the s.s. "Hong Moh," of Singapore, whilst proceeding from Singapore to Amoy with about 1,100 Chinese passengers on board, struck the White Rocks, off Swatow, at about 6.45 p.m., and broke in two. H.M.S. "Carlisle," lying at Bako, in the Pescadores, was ordered to give assistance, and arrived at daylight on March 6. There were about 350 persons then on board the wrecked vessel, over which heavy seas were breaking. Rescue work was carried on with very great difficulty, but throughout the day and night of March 7 a motor-boat in charge of Lieut. Commander Tower, and a cutter in charge of Gunner John G. Dewar, worked continuously to and from the wreck until all the survivors on board had been taken off. Captain Evans swam to, and boarded, the "Hong Moh," and encouraged and assisted persons on board to reach boats lying off. H.M.S. "Carlisle" was instrumental in saving the lives of 221 persons, although unable to get within a mile of the wreck.]

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Among the celebrities on board are the Count and Countess of Fontanar (of Spain), Her Highness the Princess Emma Ismail of Egypt, Judge Jean H. Norris of New York, H. E. M. Paravicini (the Swiss Ambassador to Egypt) and Mrs. Paravicini, Baron Victor de Stempel.

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NOTICES.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

EXTRA RACE MEETINGS.

EXTRA RACE MEETINGS have been fixed provisionally for the following dates:—

17th March.
7th and 9th April.
26th and 28th May.
23rd June.
6th and 8th October.
10th November.
1st December.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, Feb. 29, 1928.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

THE UNDERSIGNED, going Home on leave, begs to inform that Mr. LESDOS has been appointed Local Agent of the Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes with effect from the 25th instant.

(Sgd.) J. LIMAGE,
Agent.

NOTICE.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that ANDREW HARPER & SON have ceased to be the authorised dealers of this Company for Hong Kong and South China as from the 26th day of January, 1928.

FORD MOTOR COMPANY.
Hong Kong 25th February, 1928.

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NOTICES.

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE FINAL DIVIDEND declared for the Year ending 31st December, 1927, at the rate of Three Pounds Sterling together with a Bonus of Two Pounds Sterling is payable on and after the 27th February, 1928, at the Offices of the Corporation where Shareholders are requested to apply for warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 28th Feb., 1928.

THE HONG KONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

IF the Marine Boiler left on Kowloon Marine Lot No. 49 by SEE TO MING is not claimed and removed within FOURTEEN (14) days, same will be sold to defray expenses.

F. H. CRAPPELL,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 24th Feb., 1928.

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SHANGHAI PRESS COMMENT.

OUR PROSPECTUS.

Says the "Shanghai Mercury"—

At all times this international community of ours evince more than casual interest in the progress of Hong Kong. Our neighbours reciprocate. Revolutionary repercussions in the South touch us here. When prosperity is enjoyed by our friends in the little outpost of Empire the port of Shanghai profits. Depression comes, and we share the gloom. On Feb. 22, items of news reached us as to the aspirations cultivated by those who confidently face the future: we learned of the possibilities of aeroplane connections being made between the island and Shanghai, an average speed of 80 to 90 miles an hour being maintained, and the estimated cost of the trip per passenger stood at \$170. Not an idle dream, but a project which is within the realm of possibility in the years to come, for marvellous strides are being made these days to economise time and snatch at opportunities.

Again, His Excellency the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, honoured the members of the Hong Kong branch of the British Medical Association with his presence. In this direction he more than lives up to the traditions of the past. He is determined to keep close to the pulse of things in the Colony.

In the course of his speech he referred to the question which "had been raised whether it would be possible to build a subway under the harbour between Kowloon and Victoria, such as existed in many other parts of the world. He added, "It had been suggested that this tunnel should also carry an aqueduct bringing water from Kowloon to the island."

The subject has been approached on many occasions during the past twenty-five years. It has no new facts, but it has always had a fascination for enterprising enthusiasts who believe that the archaic means of transportation across the harbour should have been abandoned years ago, and intimate connection be always maintained by means of a tunnel between the island and the mainland. Some of us have known what inconvenience implied when the Star ferries hugged their wharves or sought shelter from the fury of storm or the howl of the typhoon. Residents in Kowloon could not get in touch with their offices, business had to be suspended, mails delayed. Again, there have been occasions when a dry summer has seriously threatened the limited water supply on the island, while the reservoir in the New Territory carried generous quantities. The whole scheme of driving a tunnel under the harbour, permitting of constant connection between the well-developed areas in Kowloon and the business centre of Hong Kong is unquestionably within reach of practical men, and the only protester has been "the purse."

Such an enterprise demands the investment of millions of dollars, but, in view of what these increased facilities would offer for the development of miles of British leased territory and the inducement given to trade and prosperity—linking at all times the mainland with the island—we believe it would be a profitable investment for the Colony. Conservatism would not halt the enterprise, monopoly might resent the idea, but the permanent interests of the Colony would be served if confidence was so expressed as to hasten the materialisation of the scheme. His Excellency the Governor, on Feb. 22, closed his remarks on an excellent note of optimism, when he said, "When the Budget came to be framed in 1929, they might be able to take their courage in both hands and embark on new projects." The community in Hong Kong has cause to be proud of "the Governor," and will share his confidence as to what the future holds for the Colony.

Indeed, the waste of energy in most lives is appalling; it is drained and frittered away in every direction. We aim too high, and fall short in our endeavour. We aim too low, and spend our labour for miserably inadequate returns. We forget what we should remember, and have to begin all over again.

We allow ourselves to be carried away by costly emotions which drain us white of energy and ruin our best work. We are enervated by boredom and cursed with a perpetual itch for change. We have no constancy of will, no settled plans, no steady ideal to pursue unflinchingly. We are square pegs in round holes and round pegs in square.

The Direction of Life.

Why not? Many sciences, as a matter of fact, actually do deal with aspects of life. Those that are tributary to medicine, hygiene, sanitation, for example make living a more tolerable affair now-a-days than it was not so very long ago. And if these are mostly in the hands of specialists, none the less the layman has a considerable practical acquaintance with them, and turns it to his own advantage. Popular education has gone far in this direction. Children at school are now taught as a matter of routine much that enables them to make the most of their bodies, at any rate their physical capacities and powers.

But the human body is only half the story of the human being, if, indeed, it amounts even to that. The direction of life and its management belongs to the human mind. And it is just here that exact scientific knowledge is most urgently required. Not that science can determine what should be the ultimate aims of life or towards what final goal we should aspire. That, being a question of absolute values, remains with the province of philosophy or religion. But, short of this, science should be able to tell us what nearby goals are within the reach of our several individual powers; and us, too, how best to reach those goals with the least expenditure of energy and toil.

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Twenty-five Lieut.-commanders have been promoted commanders and 11 commanders have been

HOW TO LIVE.

LABOUR-SAVING HABITS OF BODY AND MIND.

"SCIENCE IN THE MAKING."

Every normal human being desires to be happy and to get out of life as much as he can. Yet, after all the centuries the human race has been adjusting itself to the conditions of life, it is strange that no body of rules for an art of living has been evolved so that each generation may hand them on for the guidance of the next, writes Dr. F. Aveling, M.C., Ph.D., D.Sc., Reader in Psychology, University of London, King's College, in the "Daily Chronicle."

In a rough-and-ready sort of way no doubt, much of the experience of mankind, summed up in maxims and proverbs, has been passed on from father to son. But no consistent attempt has been made to teach even this piecemeal and scrappy knowledge in any thorough-going way.

Each one of us has to learn for himself how to live, and to make what he can out of life, in the rough-and-tumble school of living itself, by giving and taking hard knocks, by rare success and frequently failures. He has had to begin where his fathers began, and where they left off; and seldom have we learned the lessons that life has to teach us before it is too late to profit by them.

No Help From Science.

This is all the more strange in view of the fact that modern science, which has made such immense advance both in theory and practical application of recent years, has still so little to teach us about living.

It has not yet told us how to make the most of our lives.

While science has been busy conquering time, annihilating space, and harnessing the forces of external nature to our service, it has had small leisure to spare for the powers that lie within ourselves. It has left the most vital of all human problems, for the most part, to the speculations of the moralists; and the ordinary man who wants practical information as to how to live his life to the best advantage is referred to the age-old disputes of philosophy.

What we need is a science of life, with some knowledge of which each one of us may set out to undertake the art of living. For we all perform must live; and, without knowledge; life may prove to be an exceedingly costly and wasteful affair.

Appalling Waste of Energy. Indeed, the waste of energy in most lives is appalling; it is drained and frittered away in every direction. We aim too high, and fall short in our endeavour. We aim too low, and spend our labour for miserably inadequate returns. We forget what we should remember, and have to begin all over again.

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In a thousand ways we are spendthrifts of life, simply because we do not know how to make the most of it. Surely, if a science—or even the beginning of science—is needed anywhere, it is needed here! Why should we not have one?

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CORN IN LONDON.

TROUBLES OF 4,000 YEARS AGO.

AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENTS

The interesting fact that gardens in St. Martin's Lane and at Bethnal Green were once the scene of important agricultural experiments is recalled by the exhibition of manuscripts and printed books, illustrating the history of agriculture, at the British Museum, says the "Daily Express."

It was Sir Hugh Platt, who seems to have been a sort of Elizabethan Lord Bledisloe, who practised the "new and admirable Arte of setting of Corn" on the site of modern London. He invented "all the necessary tools" with such success that he was knighted in the second year of James I.

Labour Troubles.

There is amusing evidence of labour troubles more than 4,000 years ago. One of the oldest references to agriculture is on a papyrus describing the work of an Egyptian gardener, "who brings loads of produce, and his arms and neck ache beneath them. At noon he waters the onions, and in the evening the vines. His is more miserable than any other calling."

A telling sentence indicates strained labour relations, for the manuscript goes on. "The wage reckoning of a husbandman is endless, he has a louder voice than the crow. He is very weary when he comes to his house at eventide."

Walter of Henley was the author of the first book on agriculture written in England. It was written in Norman French in 1200, and evidence of its worth is indicated by the fact that it was printed two and a half centuries later.

selves as thinking, feeling, willing beings; knowledge which will enable us to fit our powers to practicable ends, to discipline our emotions, and to economise our energy in attaining our desires.

Such science, as a finished product, does not exist; but it is certainly in the making. We already know of mental "labour-saving" methods which we may economise our energy and increase our enjoyment of life.

Taking but one case in which a better knowledge can help the individual to make the most of it. It is a truism, though often overlooked, that one man differs from another in mental powers, just as he does in bodily traits; differs in respect of intelligence, character and will as much as in physical appearance, health or strength. But, until recently, no one has troubled to find out what mental equipment is required to fit a boy or girl, say, leaving school for the life-work he is taking up, or to see that he is found an employment in keeping with his powers.

It has been a question of brute supply and demand, of pitchforking the youngster into any job that happened to be going, with the consequence of frequent maladjustment—the peg in the wrong hole, possibly life-long discontent, and a terrible waste of individual and social energy which might easily have been avoided.

To-day a rating of his capacities, physical and mental, can be made, and at least he can be advised as to suitable employment. He can be given a chance to make the most of his life.

No one can enjoy living to the full if he is maladjusted, and no one can make the most of life if he does not enjoy it.

Shortening Hours of Work.

This is only one example, but it is typical of the rest. With the same end of economy in view, it has been found possible by motion and fatigue study to shorten the hours of work in many employments, with great saving in output of human energy and great increase in actual production. This means the advantage of the employer and the employees alike, a better understanding between them, less friction and discontent in industry, a greater enjoyment of life.

But the principle does not only hold good in the case of the examples given. It holds good, too, in connection with the use of all and any of his powers by the individual himself. He can make more of his life by economising in his general mental output.

In learning he can avoid waste by economical methods, thus improving his memory. He can create labour-saving habits of mind and of body. He can strengthen and improve his will power, and learn to regulate that most wasteful of all energy-sapping experiences—his emotions.

More than this, he can accept, as everybody in fact does, some plan of life, and this "science in the making," at least, to some extent will help him to carry it out.

How can we make the most of our life? By fitting our powers to the tasks of life, and thereby procuring all possible joy from living. For we achieve with ease what we really enjoy, and save ourselves in

NOT TO HANG.

MURDERER WHO LOST APPEAL GOES MAD.

CARDIFF CRIME.

John Rowlands, one of the three men who unsuccessfully appealed against sentence of death for the murder at Cardiff of David Lewis, a Rugby footballer, is not to be hanged.

He has gone mad, and will be removed from Pentonville to Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum, where he will be detained during his Majesty's pleasure.

Rowlands has been certified as being temporarily insane, but hopes of his complete recovery are still held.

Rowlands and his brother Edward and Daniel Driscoll were brought from Cardiff to London to hear their appeals. John Rowlands, on account of his condition, was not present in court when the appeals were dismissed.

Driscoll and Edward Rowlands have been taken back to Cardiff, where they await execution.

The Ronald True Case.

The fate of John Rowlands recalls the interest aroused by the case of Ronald True, who in 1922 was sentenced to death for the murder of a woman in her flat at Brompton, S.W.

After the failure of his appeal a special inquiry into his mental condition was ordered by the Home Secretary (Mr. Short), and True was certified to be insane and removed to Broadmoor.

MEDICAL ETIQUETTE

SHOULD A DOCTOR TELL?

Controversy has been provoked by a ruling given in a Paris court in mail week on the question "Should a doctor tell?" Dr. Morand, a Paris practitioner, was ordered to pay a fine of 500 francs for revealing what, it was held, should have been regarded as a professional secret. To a friend who was seeking a divorce, Dr. Morand wrote a letter, apparently at the friend's request, stating that the ill-health from which the friend's wife suffered was due to a premature confinement for which he had attended her before her marriage. The letter was inserted in the bill of divorce, and though Dr. Morand testified, when the wife sued him for not observing professional secrecy, that he wrote the letter in ignorance of the divorce proceedings, it was ruled that he had violated custom which has the force of law.

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LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S REPORT AND DEPARTURES.

THIS MORNING'S RETURN.

Telomachus (1340) British, from Saigon—Wo Fat Sing—34 passengers, 2,000 tons rice for Hong Kong.

General Metzinger (5524) French, from Yokohama, Shanghai—M.M. Co.—125 passengers, 15 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 857 tons general (through).

Song Bo (720) French, from Haiphong, F. Bayard—M.M. Co.—212 passengers, 400 tons general cargo Hong Kong.

Tijpanas (2775) Dutch, from Sourabaya, Manila—J.C.F.L.—1,244 tons general cargo Hong Kong, 1,547 tons general (through).

Australien (4245) Danish, from Copenhagen, Aden—Manners & Co.—660 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 8,033 tons general (through).

Kawachi Maru, (3567) Japanese, from Yokohama, Moji—N.Y.K.—313 passengers, 724 tons general for Hong Kong, 2,543 tons general (through).

Shui Shing (114) Chinese, from Macao—Hoo Hing—30 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Tak Hing (105) Chinese, from Autow—Fook Hoi Co.—55 passengers, 40 tons general for Hong Kong.

Departures.
For K. C. Wan:—Tai Foo Shek, Sunkong.

For Wei-hai-wei:—Kweichow.
For Macao:—Shui Hing.
For Saigon:—General Metzinger, Ichang.

For Manila:—Pres. McKinley.
For Singapore:—Mojil Maru, Kidderpore.

For Antow:—Tak Hing.
For Amoy:—Tijpanas.
For Swatow:—Chengtu.

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For Kohow:—Tai Kwa Maru.

For Saigon:—Mao Lee, Chau Hing.
For Hoi:—Kiu Kiang.
For Swatow:—Hoi Ning.

Arrival of Passengers.
Arrival of passengers into the Colony, in to-day's Harbour Office report, totalled 670, of which there were:—11 European deck; 139 Asiatic deck; 371 Asiatic cabin; 49 European cabin.

Shipping Abstract.

	Arrivals	Departures	Port.
British	1	5	23
Japanese	1	1	12
Norwegian	0	0	5
Chinese	2	4	16
Danish	1	0	1
Dutch	1	1	5
French	2	3	1
American	0	2	1
Panama	0	0	1
Portuguese	0	0	2
	8	16	68

CHIEF SURVEYOR.

SIR WESTCOTT ABELL RESIGNS.

WORLD SHIPPING INTERESTS.

It will come as a great surprise to the shipping world to learn, as has been announced, that Sir Westcott Abell, K.B.E., has resigned the office of Chief Ship Surveyor to Lloyd's Register of Shipping, and is starting in business for himself as a consultant.

Known all over the world as a ship surveyor, Sir Westcott has had a distinguished career, having occupied several important positions. Educated at the Royal Naval Engineering College, Keyham, and the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, he became in due course a member of the Royal Corps of Naval Constructors.

Afterwards he was successively appointed as Professional Secretary to the Director of Naval Construction, Instructor in Naval Architecture at the Royal Naval College, and Professor of Naval Architecture in the University of Liverpool.

While at Liverpool he was appointed a member of the Board of Trade Committee on Load Line, becoming chairman of the Technical Committee of that body, which dealt primarily with the relation of scantlings to the freeboard question.

Appointed in 1914, in 1914 he was appointed Chief Ship Surveyor to Lloyd's Register of Shipping, and in that capacity was responsible for the preparation of the revised rules for the construction and classification of steel ships, which have given general satisfaction. The completion of that formidable task, for which Sir Westcott's work on the Load Line Committee eminently fitted him, leaves him now free to relinquish his official duties and to devote himself to private practice, in which his many friends will wish him all success.

He was always a notable figure at meetings of the Institution of Naval Architects. During the war Sir Westcott rendered valuable services to the country as a member of the Merchant Shipbuilding Advisory Committee and of the Admiralty Shipbuilding Council, and also as Technical Adviser to the Controller of Shipping. For these services Sir Westcott was granted the honour of K.B.E. in 1920.

ON THE ROCKS.

JAPANESE STEAMER IN NO DANGER.

Bound for Hong Kong from the North, the s.s. "Kinko Maru," of the Shozaka Yokichi, is reported to have struck the rocks in the vicinity of Turnabout Island, south of Fochow. The accident occurred during fog.

According to the local agents, the M.B.K., no further news had been received and it was presumed in the absence of request for assistance, that the vessel was in no danger.

River Groundings.
The s.s. "Kwong Fook Cheong," which grounded recently, has been docked at Shamshui for survey but it is not thought that serious damage has been done.

The s.s. "San Nam Hoi," which also grounded, was able to refloat yesterday and continue on her voyage to Kongmoon.

The s.s. "Ichang" (China Navigation Company) returned to harbour yesterday morning after grounding near Junk Rock. She will probably be surveyed for damage at Taikoo Dock some time to-day.

37 DAYS' CRUISE.

CUNARD LINER FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN.

A 37-days' cruise to the Mediterranean began last month, when the Cunard liner "Lancastria" left Southampton on the first of her three cruises arranged for this season. The "Lancastria" will steam over 7,000 miles, visiting Gibraltar, Algiers, Malta, Larnaca, Haifa, Alexandria, Athens, Naples, Villefranche, Palma, and Cadiz. The route has been so arranged that passengers will be able to undertake an overland tour from Jerusalem to Cairo. Among the passengers who took part in the cruise were:—Sybil Viscountess Rhondia, Lady Sadler, Mr. W. L. Wyllie, R.A., and Mrs. Wyllie, Rear-Admiral A. A. Ellison, C.B., Lieut. Col. Campbell Watson, D.S.O., Captain R. J. N. Watson, D.S.O., R.N. (retired), Mr. George H. Bankes, D.L., J.P. (Deputy-Lieut. of the County of Lancaster) and Miss Joyce Bankes, and Dr. Fuller (United States Public Health Officer at Southampton) and Mrs. Fuller.

C.P.R. MESSAGE.

"STAFF AS SHAREHOLDERS" POLICY.

MR. BEATTY'S APPRECIATION.

Mr. E. W. Beatty, President of the Canadian Pacific Railway, cabled the following message to all officers and employees:—

"In extending good wishes (for 1928), I wish to express to all ranks of the Canadian Pacific Railway my appreciation of the response to the offer recently made enabling them to take shares in the company. That response had demonstrated the faith placed in the Canadian Pacific by all who work for it, and accounts for the splendid service steadily maintained in all its branches. The growth of the company is based upon the growth and prosperity of the whole Dominion, and at this time, ten years after the declaration of the Armistice concluding the Great War, Canada seems to have fully recovered from the strain of that unparalleled conflict. We have reason, therefore, to expect that this growth will be continuous and stable. My hearty wish on behalf of both myself and the company is that the New Year may bring continued happiness and prosperity to all officers and employees."

NEW FLAG CAPTAIN.

Capt. J. Wolfe Murray, D.S.O., who has been appointed to succeed Capt. L. W. Braithwaite, C.M.G., as flag-captain to Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald Y. Tyrwhitt, Commander-in-Chief, China Station, vacated the command of aircraft carrier "Ark Royal" and the Central Reserve of Minesweepers at Sheerness, and assumed command of the new 10,000-ton cruiser "Kent," which has been ordered to be commissioned for service on the China Station as flagship in place of the cruiser "Hawkins." She will be ready for sea in May.

CAUSES UNKNOWN.

The Master of the s.s. "Telmachus" (Messrs. Wo Fat Sing) reports to the Harbour Master that while coming from Saigon to Hong Kong, two Chinese passengers, a male and a female died from causes unknown.

LOST TORPEDO.

In a notification from the Naval Authorities to the Harbour Master, a reward of \$50 is offered for the recovery of a 21" Mark IV star S. R. torpedo which was lost from one of H.M.'s ships on Saturday, Feb. 25, 1928, in a position approximately 22.17 N., 114.40 E.

Provided certain conditions are carried out, the Straits Government has exempted the vessels "Minderoo," "Gascogne" and "Centaur," when carrying Australian cattle between Australian ports and Straits Settlements ports and vice versa from the operation of certain rules under the Merchant Shipping Ordinance.

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PANAMA MARU Friday, 2nd March.

CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.

TACOMA MARU Sunday, 25th March.

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MALWA	10,980	26th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London
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MORFA	10,563	30th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
ARAFURA	5,318	10th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
JEYPORE	5,318	10th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TALAMBA	8,018	11th Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KASHGAR	9,005	12th Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
TILAWA	10,006	21st Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
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ARRIVALS.

Passengers arrived at Hong Kong on the M. M. "General Metzinger" from Yokohama, Kobe and Shanghai on Feb. 28 included:—

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DEPARTURES.

European passengers sailed from Hong Kong on the M. M. "General Metzinger" for Marseilles via Suez and ports were:—Mr. H. Phillips, Mr. H. Mow, Mr. S. K. Rutkowski, Rev. Sister Marie St. Maurice, Rev. Sister Marie St. Agnes, Miss Dorgeval, Mr. and Mrs. Buhot, Mr. J. Limage, Mr. de Pollin, Commander and Mrs. R. P. Freilson, Mr. E. Borvon, Rev. Father Eustacio Galvo, Rev. Father Jose Martinez.

First-Class passengers sailed on the Dollar Line "President Taft" for Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu and San Francisco on Feb. 28 were:—

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First-class passengers from Hong Kong (of the through passengers) sailed on the Dollar Line "President McKinley" for Manila on Feb. 28 were:—

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The D. & Co. M.V. "Romolo" sailed from Penang on Feb. 21, and is due here to-morrow.

The P. & O. s.s. "Mongolia" left Singapore for this port on Feb. 27 at 9 a.m. with the outward English Mails, and is due here to-morrow at about noon.

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The Ben Line s.s. "Bengloe" from Middlesbro', Anwerp, London and Straits is due to arrive here on March 5.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" arrived at Manila on Feb. 27 at 8 a.m. leaves Manila on March 3 at 4 p.m., and is due at Hong Kong on March 5 at 9 a.m. She will berth at Pier No. 5, Kowloon Wharf and will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Toronto and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama on March 7 at noon.

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The M.V. s.s. "Sumatra" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Hamburg on January 27, and is due here on or about March 10.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" left Vancouver for Hong Kong via Japan ports and Shanghai on February 26, and is due here on March 15.

The D. & Co. s.s. "Bolton Castle" sailed from New York on February 4, and is due here on March 25.

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T'iau via Swatow & Shanghai	HANGSANG	Wed., 7th Mar. at 7 a.m.
T'iau via Swatow & Shanghai	YATSHING	Sun., 11th Mar. at 7 a.m.
Kobe via Amoy, Moji & Namsang	NAMSANG	Wed., 14th Mar. at 7 a.m.
Osaka	HOPSANG	Thurs., 1st Mar. at 6 p.m.
Canton	FOOKSANG	Fri., 9th Mar. at 3 p.m.
Straits & Calcutta	MAUSANG	Sun., 11th Mar. at 3 p.m.
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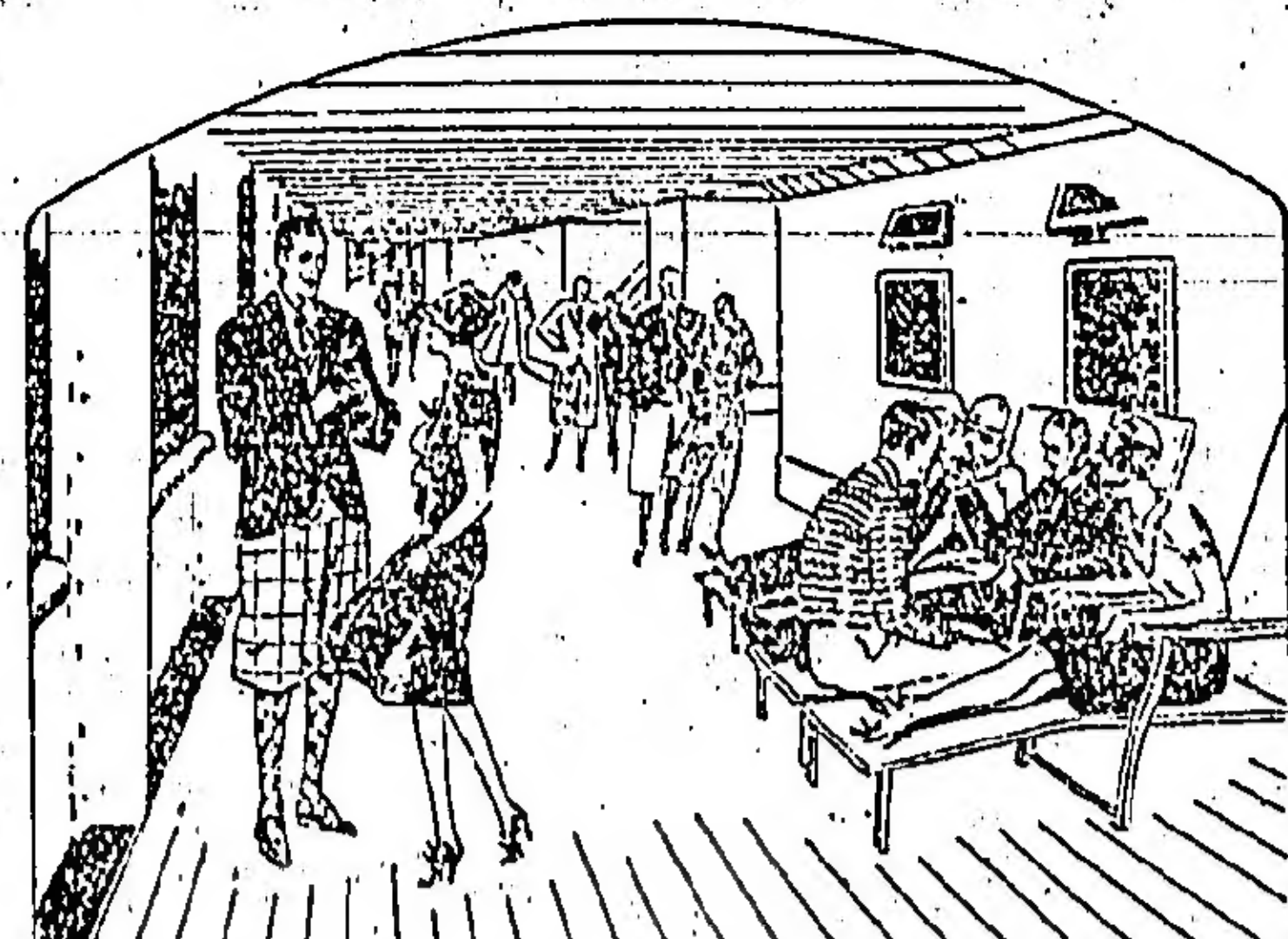
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THE SPHERE OF ROTARY.

Now that Rotary has been put upon a professional basis time and occasion may be found to increase the usefulness of the movement. As it is, Rotary, despite its motto of "Service above Self," is essentially useful to itself and not to others. The charitable effort that glosses the movement is nothing compared with what could be accomplished for the benefit of those now outside its sphere. This, however, would involve a drastic alteration in its constitution, taking with it a lot of the "self" element, particularly self-complacency. The "one man, one vocation" rule of Rotary would have to go, for instance. Many of the "grave and reverend signiors" who cling to the movement would, of course, object, and naturally so. But until the "small town" spirit is eliminated, a spirit which, incidentally, gave life to the movement, Rotary will never be what it might be.

The young man of to-day is outside the ranks of Rotary. That is its fundamental fault. As a club for men of mature age, blessed with some degree or other of business success, the movement may have its points. But there its usefulness ceases and a hollow-sounding idealism. At present Rotary is isolated from the world of things by walls of prejudice, suspicion and reserve, all of its own construction. These negative qualities, as those in the movement well know, all help to make it interesting. Without them there would be no interest,

for middle age and business success in themselves are not matters of general concern.

Before, therefore, Rotary can accomplish all or even a part of what it sets itself to accomplish it must put its house in order. It must open its ranks to the young business man. The mature and successful would-be exponents of Rotary principles find it difficult to pose as idealists—perhaps they are too modest; at any rate their newly-acquired role is as a rule too much for them. Youth alone can give the movement the power and sincerity of purpose it so obviously craves; youth alone can turn the mighty panoply of meaningless words and pettifoggery rules and regulations to good account. The movement's sphere of action should be so widened. If the Rotary "bosses" will not hear of this, if they will tolerate no invasion of those truly relished luncheon tables, let them propound a scheme by which Rotarians at least get in touch and maintain contact with the younger and forceful and idealistic generation. Here indeed is good work for its professional field-workers.

LADY JURIST.

MISS SOU-MI CHENG GOES
ABROAD.

PASSES THROUGH HERE.

Miss Sou-mi Cheng, the Nationalist lady jurist, passed through Hong Kong yesterday on her mission to study politics abroad.

Miss Cheng was formerly Chief Judge of the Shanghai District Court. Then she was appointed President of the Shanghai Provisional Court (the old Mixed Court) in succession to Mr. Loo Hing-yuen (who is well known in Hong Kong), but she declined to assume office.

Prior to sailing from Shanghai, she went to Nanking to receive final instructions from the Nationalist Government. She sailed from Shanghai on the "General Metzinger" and passed through Hong Kong yesterday.

She is accompanied by her secretary, Mr. S. Chang, and her niece, Miss Cheng Han-ying. They are going to Marseilles, to which Mr. S. Lee, another official, is bound.

Mr. A. Bremner, a well-known local personality in Sardinia, Surrey, was the honoured guest at a family dinner party at Nuthall's Restaurant, Kingston, on Jan. 19, in celebration of his 20th birthday. Mr. Bremner was a resident of Hong Kong for over half a century ago and since then has been a partner in the firm of Bremner and Laycock, New Broad Street, London.

SHAMEEN IN 1927.

THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL'S
REPORT.

BRITISH CONCESSION.

The report for 1927 of the Municipal Council, British Concession, Shameen, has been circulated to ratepayers. The annual meeting will be held in the British Consulate-General this afternoon.

The Council and officers are as follows:—Mr. R. K. Batchelor (chairman); Mr. W. Rowland Farmer (vice-chairman); Messrs. G. H. Bowker, G. B. Dunnett, G. A. Robinson; D.P.W. and Secretary, Mr. Chas. E. Watson, M.I. Mech. E., M.I. Loco. E.; Superintendent of Police, Captain G. A. Clements; Reserve of Officers; Municipal Nurse, Miss Shirazee; Medical Officer of Health, Dr. W. Graham Reynolds; Consulting Architect, Mr. T. Brameld, L.R.I., B.A., Auditors, Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews.

Extracts from the Council's report follow:—

Police.

The general behaviour and work of all ranks has been excellent. Although the disturbances in Canton did not affect Shameen directly, yet it called for extra duty from the Police, and all ranks, Indian and Chinese, responded willingly. Special mention must be made of Ng Yau (Police Interpreter), Himat Khan, (Indian Crown Sergeant) and Wong Yuk-san (Chinese Crown Sergeant) for their devotion to duty throughout the year.

Discipline: The discipline has been very good. Minor offence reports, 24. One dismissal for misconduct. The total number of persons dealt with was 44.

Five hundred taels of opium were confiscated and handed over to the Chinese Maritime Customs. The present strength of the force is as follows:—Indians, 19; Chinese, 19; detectives, 2; interpreter, 1; cooks, 2. Total 43.

Fire Brigade.

Brigade strength is 12 Indian and 3 Chinese members of the Police force who receive special allowances for this work. Fires on Shameen, nil; fires on Shaukei vicinity, 5.

The state of engine and hose is good.

The Census.

Non Chinese: 1926, 427; 1927, 487. Chinese: 1926, 809; 1927, 1,094. (Total for 1927 is 1,581.)

Census returns for the year under review do not include the troops stationed on the Concession.

Municipal and Recreation Grounds. These have been maintained in good condition during the year with the exception of the football ground which has been kept open for troops for drilling and recreational purposes in addition to the usual football and hockey matches.

Jetties.

Both the Municipal Pier at Shameen and the Cemetery Jetty have been maintained in good repair.

Waterworks.

The machinery and plant have been maintained in good condition and repair during the year under review.

Report of Medical Officer.

The year under review has, on the whole, been a healthy one.

There have been three typhoid cases, all Japanese. One is pleased to see the increasing popularity of anti-typhoid inoculation amongst the public, which is probably the reason of the decrease in the incidence of this disease. The increase in the number of flush systems with the consequent elimination of the night-soil coolie may also be a factor both as regards typhoid and dysentery.

A few cases of dysentery, but a marked decrease on former years.

There were two severe dengue fever epidemics, when a large proportion of the population, both foreign and Chinese, were attacked. These epidemics were remarkable from the extremely severe nature of many of the cases, of greater severity than any of the former epidemics in my experience.

At times the water supply has not been quite up to the standard, to which we have been used. This has been under the careful consideration of those in charge of the waterworks, and following certain adjustments, we have every reason to hope that it will now return to its normal standard of excellence. The Council have wisely prohibited any further flush system being connected with the waterworks as these throw a considerable strain on the plant.

The military organised an anti-mosquito campaign during the summer with marked success. The thanks of the ratepayers are particularly due to Capt. G. L. Simons, R.A.M.C., in this connection.

Municipal Nursing Home.

This has been established in part of the Victoria Hotel for just over a year. It has been a great success. (Continued on page of next column.)

DR. J. B. ADDISON.

FORMER P.C.M.O. PASSES
AWAY.

DEATH AT SEYCHELLES.

The death occurred at Seychelles of Dr. J. B. Addison, formerly Principal Civil Medical Officer of the Colony.

Dr. Addison left Hong Kong in January owing to a breakdown in health and it was hoped that he would recover sufficiently to return within the year. Dr. Addison, however, never recovered from the effects of a heart attack experienced whilst bathing at Re-pulse Bay last summer and gradually grew weaker.

Dr. Addison will be missed by many friends in the Colony and elsewhere to whom he had endeared himself by his unassuming and friendly nature. He came to Hong Kong early in 1924 after seventeen years at Seychelles as Assistant Medical Officer and Chief Medical Officer. He was educated at St. Mary's Hospital, London, held the degrees of M.R.C.S., Eng., and L.R.C.P., London and was decorated with the M.B.E. He was 63 years of age.

CHATER WILL CASE.

JUDGMENT RESERVED IN
APPEAL.

MR. JENKIN'S ARGUMENT.

Judgment was reserved at the conclusion yesterday afternoon of the second of the Appeals arising out of decisions in respect of the late Sir Paul Chater's will.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, on behalf of the Hong Kong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., argued that it was well known that the Hong Kong Finance and Investment Co., Ltd. had done no business since its incorporation and it could not be said that, as senior representative of it, Mr. Bagram was qualified under the provision of the Memorandum of the Hong Kong Land Investment Co. which stipulated that a Permanent and Managing Director should be senior representative of a firm "carrying on business" here.

Mr. Jenkin claimed that the Hong Kong Finance and Investment Company was liable to be struck off the Register at any moment. It was defunct because it had in fact not carried on any business for over twelve months.

Counsel also claimed that words "for the time being" found in the Memorandum of the Land Investment Co. confined the appointment of a Permanent Managing Director to those who were of the required status at the time of the death of testator and that, as Mr. Bagram was not senior representative of any firm at this time, he was in any event not qualified.

Counsel also claimed that the intention of the Company was that during Sir Paul's lifetime and after his death there should be a continuity of advice and assistance. It was never intended that an indefinite or even unlimited time could elapse in the appointment of a successor. Sir Paul, according to counsel's contention, was empowered to make one appointment and having made that one his nominations were at an end as far as the Memorandum was concerned. If that person resigned or ceased to act then the Company stepped in. Judgment was reserved.

Five motor-cars were destroyed in a fire at premises belonging to Mr. H. E. Richardson, builder, at the back of Canterbury Street, Gillingham, Kent.

a year and has filled a very real need. Nurse Shirazee has carried on her duties in a very conscientious and competent manner, and the Nursing Home is running very satisfactorily.

Defence Corps.

Arms and equipment on loan from H.M. Government are maintained in good order and repair.

Revenue and Expenditure. The revenue has been \$90,832.01 as against an estimate of \$78,330. The increase is due principally to increases in water sales, business and godown taxes and wharfage dues. Expenditure amounted to \$91,944.71 as against \$87,330. The increase due principally to waterworks running expenses on account of the extra demand on the plant and the fact that two of the filters required attention, to depreciation, allowance being only one half the amount written off and to necessary repairs to the Bund Wall not allowed for in the Budget.

The overdraft with the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation at the end of 1926 stood at \$60,089.12 against which appeared an amount of \$7,500 in Building Reserve Fund whilst at the end of the year under review it was \$64,644.89 against which appears Building Reserve Fund \$22,600.

P'RAPS-P'RAPS NOT!

Mr. and Mrs. Gunter were discussing married happiness. "You know my friend, Jenkins, don't you, dear?" said Mr. Gunter, after a while.

"Yes, dear." "Well, that man has the most happy ideas about marriage." "Yes; he believes that man and wife should always be in full harmony; that they should have no thought in the world but true domestic happiness." "Splendid; and, of course, Mrs. Jenkins agrees with him?" "Not so fast, my dear; Jenkins is not married."

Caller (viewing the baby): "Do you think he is going to resemble his father?"

Mother: "I shouldn't be surprised. He keeps me up even now."

Old Lady Visitor: "My man, you must take a broad view of things." Cogivet (peevishly): "I wish you'd remember I got shoved in here for pinchin' a landscape!"

Chemist (to man who had fainted outside his shop): "Yes, sir, you had rather a bad turn, but I managed to get you inside and bring you to."

Man who had fainted: "I don't remember. Do you mind bringing me two more?"

Higson was always complaining of his wife's memory. "She can never remember anything," he said. "It's awful!"

"My wife was just as bad," said White, "till I found a capital recipe."

"What was it?" inquired Higson eagerly. "Why," said White, "whenever there's anything particular I want the missus to remember, I write it on a slip of paper, and gum it on the looking glass."

Lady: "I should think you would be ashamed to beg in this neighbourhood."

Tramp: "Don't apologise for it, ma'am. I've seen worse."

Boy (to sister): "Mrs. Grubbs sent yer four big apples, Milly, fer takin' care of 'er baby. I ate two and lost one, and Billy pinched the other. Mind yer thank 'er when yer sees 'er."

The junior class did pretty well in their examination papers in geography, but it was Gladys who surpassed herself and all others. One question was: "What is a volcano?" and her answer was: "A volcano is a round mountain with a hole in the top, and if you climb up you see the creator smoking."

A keen rider to hounds was out with a strange pack one day, and, owing to a series of mishaps, had got out of touch with the field. Jogging along a country lane he came to a child searching the ground carefully at the foot of a tall hedge.

"What are you doing there, my boy?" asked the sportsman, curiously.

"Lookin' for small change, sir," grinned the lad. "The master always jumps higher than 'is orse at this edge."

Visitor: "I must say, Mrs. Brown, your Ellen's improvin' in 'er playin'!"

Ellen (from within): "I'm not playin'! I'm just dustin' the piano."

"You know Archie? He beats his wife every morning."

"You don't say?" "Yes. He gets up at eight, and she gets up at nine."

Mr. Miggs (father of six girls): "Sh! There's a man in the drawing-room, wants to marry one of the girls—he's a wine merchant."

Mrs. Miggs: "Wine merchant? That's good. He's sure to think the oldest is the best!"

I don't suppose the old lady meant anybody to draw the inference that everybody present did, when she turned to an ambitious young lady who had just sung her second song at the party, and said: "Thank you so much for your songs, my dear. They took me back to childhood's days on my father's farm. There were times when you sang that I could shut my eyes and fairly hear the old gate creaking in the wind!"

A compliment spalled in the making.

Officer (with watch in hand as four bells strike): "This is your watch, I think."

Pat: "Sure, sir, it is. I was just wondering where I'd lost it."

Hissed a somewhat ill-fed Anaconda.

"Through the jungle it's time I should wander."

I may meet a fat roe,

And, as naturalists know,

There's nothing of which I am fonder!

MONROE DOCTRINE.

ARGENTINE DELEGATE'S COMMENTS.

"HISTORICAL TRUTH."

Geneva, Yesterday. The League committee of arbitration and security heard an echo of the recent Pan-American congress at Havana when the Argentine delegate drew attention to the Monroe doctrine and objected "in the interest of historical truth" to the wording of Article 21 of the Covenant which states "nothing in the Covenant shall be deemed to affect the validity of international engagements such as treaties of arbitration and regional understandings like the Monroe Doctrine for maintaining peace."

He described the Monroe Doctrine as an unilateral political declaration by the United States which was never explicitly approved by the other American countries. It was therefore not a regional understanding, but was unequal, was his protest.—Reuter's American Service.

U. S. NAVY.

TIME LIMIT FOR NEW BUILDING.

Washington, Yesterday. The naval committee has eliminated the requirement that vessels should be completed within six years as many American shipyards will be unable to submit tenders for their completion within the time.—Reuter's American Service.

No Cause For Alarm.

Washington, Yesterday. Replying to a deputation of clergymen urging him to veto the naval programme if passed by the House of Representatives as it would alarm the world, President Coolidge said the programme was moderate and could not alarm other countries.—Reuter's American Service.

COMMUNIST DEPUTY.

SENTENCED FOR ACTIVITIES IN CHINA.

Paris, Yesterday. The Communist Deputy Doriot, reported to be in Moscow, has been sentenced in default to three years' imprisonment and a fine of 3,000 francs for revolutionary activities in China and Indo-China last year.—Reuter.

LORD JELlicoe.

NEW PRESIDENT OF BRITISH LEGION.

London, Yesterday. Lord Jellicoe has accepted the presidency of the British Legion as the branches overwhelmingly voted their approval of the executive council's offer.—Reuter.

CHINESE STUDENTS.

YAU MATI SCHOOLBOYS BOUND OVER.

STORY OF ASSAULT.

Cross-summons for alleged intimidation, and assault and demanding money, respectively, in which two Chinese students of the Yau mati School were concerned, were heard by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

The allegation of the complainant in the first summons, was that the defendant who was defended by Mr. L. R. Andrews, brushed past the complainant whilst he and six school mates were in Waterloo Street on Thursday morning last. When the defendant was asked what he meant by this behaviour, he was alleged to have asked the complainant to join his club. The complainant took no notice and proceeded to school. Near the school he was stopped by the defendant who invited him to go to a certain tea-house to discuss the matter.

The complainant went together with his elder brother and a friend. At the tea-house the complainant was threatened with assault unless he joined the club. Outside the tea-house the complainant was accosted by the defendant with a number of his friends.

An argument followed, and a Chinese detective arrived on the scene and took the parties to the station.

The defendant's story was that the complainant had assaulted him and demanded money from him.

Without hearing the cross-summons the Magistrate decided to bind both parties over to keep the peace.

MISS CHEE TOY.

CHINESE SINGER AT THE QUEEN'S.

LIFE'S SIDE SHOW.

At the Queen's Theatre yesterday to full houses at all performances, Miss Chee Toy, of Ziegfeld Follies fame, and daughter of the well-known magician, Ching Ling-fu, rendered charming songs, both in English and Chinese. The stage was admirably set with a black wood table and chairs, and a dull yellow screen as back ground.

Immediately following her splendid entertainment the chief item of the movie programme, "The Side Show of Life," was screened. Circus life and war scenes were both wonderful showing the tragedy of war, and the courage and pluck of the British soldiers. Dramatic events follow the declaration of peace. The part of the hero of the story is well taken by Ernest Torrence, splendidly supported by Anna Q. Nilsson. Other notable "stars" in this fine picture are Maurice Cannon, Louise Lagrange, and A. Riccardi.

AT "CHEER O."

LAST NIGHT'S SERVICE CONCERT.

A large and appreciative audience from both Services attended a very successful concert at the "Cheer O" Y.M.C.A., last night. The Misses Aileen and Doris Woods were popular with their numerous song hits which included "Sunrise," "Charmaine," "Cherie" and "Why d'yer hang around." Miss McGill who recently returned to the Colony, sang some tuneful Scottish airs and immediately won the goodwill of the audience. An instrumental trio comprising C.P.O. Beane (violin), Mr. J. C. Grenham (cello) and Capt. Fogg (piano) performed creditably, choosing for their piece the ever popular "In a Monastery Garden." Mr. H. R. Glover, who was in fine voice, added much to the pleasure of the evening with some pleasing baritone songs. C.P.O. Beane as a tenor was heard to advantage in "Macushla."

THE GREAT LOVE.

ELEPHANTS NEVER FORGET!

"The Great Love," being shown at the World Theatre, is a comedy which features Viola Dana and Robert Agnew, the latter as a young and unsuccessful doctor in a small town who acquires fame and much embarrassment by tending Norma, a sick elephant. Elephants, they say, never forget. This one—a perfectly trained animal, by the way—did not forget the doctor's good service and persisted in following him about. A very laughable film, supported by an excellent Hal Roach comedy on prison life and a Paramount newsreel.

A BOMB.

PRISON FOR CHINESE POSSESSOR.

At the Central Magistracy before Mr. R. E. Lindsell yesterday afternoon, the case was concluded in which eight Chinese are charged with the unlawful possession of a bomb at Nos. 2 and 4, Percival Street, Wanchai, premises raided by the police for suspected communists on the night of February 11.

Seven of the accused were discharged by the Magistrate who said that there was nothing to show that three of the five men, arrested in house No. 4 were ever in the neighbouring house. In the case of the other four discharged men, Mr. Lindsell said that he saw nothing in the police evidence to prove conspiracy to use the bomb.

The first accused was convicted of possession of the bomb, and sentenced to nine months' hard labour and 20 strokes of the birch.

The Shanghai "Nichi Nichi" publishes a despatch from Canton stating that the political sub-committee of the Canton Government has issued a decree cancelling the will of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen. The will is declared to be a forgery, as it was drafted by Wang Ching-wei and others at the time. Sun Yat-sen was unable to write. The authorities assert that the text of the will has communist tendencies and is harmful to the State as well as to the representatives of the deceased Kuo-min-tang leader. Tung Kwei-hwa, chief of staff, and secretary to the Commander of the 8th Route Nationalist Armies, is earnestly advocating the cancellation of the will.

BRITISH DECLINE.

OF IMMIGRANTS INTO CANADA.

DOMINION ALARMED.

Citizens of the Dominion have been alarmed during the past few years by the decline of British immigration and the rapid increase in the inflow of Continental Europeans. In 1912 Canada received 354,000 immigrants, of whom 23 per cent. came from the Continent, 38 per cent. from the British Isles, and 39 per cent. from the United States. The inflow of settlers from the United States has fallen off since the war, and the British stream also has contracted. The Continental infiltration, however, has expanded rapidly.

For the first six months of the present fiscal year, April to September, a total of 109,025 people entered Canada. The percentage was—Non-British, 50 per cent; British, 36 per cent.; United States, 13 per cent.

The first indication of the general dissatisfaction was a resolution passed by the Anglican Synod, which met in October. A few weeks later the Women's British Immigration League issued a statement severely criticising the Government's policy. Hon. Robert Forke, Minister of Immigration, and himself an immigrant from Scotland, has defended his department in several speeches and in official statements issued to the press. He claims that the Government are doing everything possible to encourage British immigration. It appears that immigrants are hard to get. Unless brought out under the assisted passage scheme, whereby the British and Canadian Governments and the steamship companies co-operate to reduce the rate from \$80 to \$10, they are unable to pay their passage. The co-operation of the British Government, he adds, is becoming more difficult to obtain.

Settlement Schemes. The Overseas Settlement Department state:

"A statement has appeared in the press to the effect that the family settlement scheme in Canada has been discontinued by the action of the British Government. This is incorrect. The 3,000-families scheme which has been in operation since 1924 came to an end under the terms of the agreement on June 30 last. At that date about 2,500 families had been settled, and in response to a request by the British Government the Dominion Government consented to its remaining open for another year in order that the full number of families originally contemplated could be provided for, the British Government continuing its contribution at the rate of £300 per family.

In addition several new family settlement schemes were negotiated with representatives of the Dominion Government during the summer. As a result the provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia have recently completed agreements to provide for the settlement on farms of 500 new migrant families in each of those provinces within a period of six years. The province of Manitoba still has a similar scheme dealing with 200 families under its consideration. In each of these cases the contribution from British funds will be the same as the contribution made under the old 3,000-families scheme—namely, an advance of £300 for the purchase of stock and equipment.

Under a further scheme the Home and Dominion Governments have agreed to make available jointly the sum of £1,000,000 for the settlement of 21,000 boys of their own boys who have gone out to Canada under assisted passage schemes. The boys will become available when the boys have reached the age of 21 and have themselves saved £100. This scheme will be in operation for ten years.

Apart from land settlement schemes, the two Governments of course are still operating the assisted passage agreement under which a migrant is able to get to the eastern ports of Canada for £2. Towards this scheme the Secretary of State contributes in cash an average of about £11 in each case, while the Dominion Government contributes £3 10s., and supplies the necessary after-care.

During his forthcoming visit to Ottawa the Secretary of State will no doubt take opportunity of fully discussing settlement problems with the Dominion authorities, and will explore the possibility of arranging fresh land settlement schemes, and of increasing the inflow of British settlers by other means.

The German explorer, Dr. Flechner, concerning whom alarmist reports, emanating from Peking, have been circulated, has been located a hundred miles to the north of Lhasa. He joined an American party, headed by the missionary, Mr. Plymire, from Kham, (north-west China). The joint parties were expected to reach Ladakh, in Kashmir, in a month.

HOPEFUL OUTLOOK.

BRITISH SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRY.

EVE OF BETTER TIMES.

When it is stated that according to the figures issued by the Ministry of Labour there are over 21 per cent. idle workers in the shipbuilding industry, it is difficult to realise that even this figure shows a very considerable improvement upon the state of the industry at the beginning of last year. It is nevertheless the fact that both British shipbuilding and shipbuilding in making a good recovery, and though the progress is exceedingly slow, there are good hopes that we are on the eve of better times. Shipping is the handmaid of industry (the "Journal of Commerce and Shipping" remarks), reflecting fairly accurately the state of general trade, so that its gradual recovery may be taken as a good augury for the future progress of industry as a whole.

Fewer Idle Ships.

It is satisfactory to note that to-day there are fewer idle ships, though in far too many instances they are employed at rates which give little promise of great profits. During the past year a large amount of tonnage left the yards of our shipbuilders, largely in excess of the amount of tonnage that has been discarded as obsolete, or unsuitable, but shipowners have had the courage to make preparations for the better times which they hope are coming along, and the only disquieting reflection is that new orders are rather scarce, and do not at present give promise of a sufficiency of work for our shipbuilders.

New Ships.

It is, however, the fact that some of our shipyards have done reasonably well in the matter of orders for new ships. Mention was made the other day of the favourable position of Clyde shipbuilders in this respect, for there work can be found at most of the yards which will keep them going well into the second half of the present year, and some others will be able to keep going on new orders well into the new year. But much more is wanted if the shipbuilding industry is to recover from its present inability to reduce the heavy percentage of unemployed shipyard workers. One important sign of the times is that an increasing number of owners of tramp tonnage are in the market for new vessels, even though there has been a slight rise in costs.

Building Great Liners.

Though the building of great liners, and their addition to the Mercantile service, make a stronger appeal to public sentiment, it is on the less spectacular work of building general cargo steamers that our shipbuilders mainly rely to keep the shipyards going. That the owners of these are looking forward with hope to the new year is proved by the very sensible acceleration in the demand for new vessels which has come from that service, so that there appears to be a reasonable prospect that both the shipowner and the shipbuilder will make good in the year that is before them.

Great Britain's Position.

It must not be forgotten that despite the evil times through which we have passed, Great Britain is still the sea carrier of the world, and is not likely to let that position be wrested from her.

The feature of last year's shipbuilding was the great amount of motor tonnage constructed, and it is also to be noted that of the tonnage at present under construction in the world, more than half is intended to be fitted with internal combustion machinery. Great Britain's share is not so great as might be desired, but it is interesting to report that British shipowners control nearly half the motor tonnage of the world. We made a very late start, but we are in a fair way of proving that we are by no means out of the running.

Proportion of Tankers.

Another feature of the year's shipbuilding work was the large proportion of tankers that have been launched for the great oil companies, though it appears very evident that this market is fairly well supplied now, as new orders are not being given so freely. The report which has just been issued by the widely-known firm of brokers, Messrs. H. E. Moss and Co., states that there is an increasing demand for second-hand tonnage, and that prices are firmer than a year ago. Here, again, is another straw which indicates how the wind is setting, for it certainly shows a faith which is distinctly encouraging to those optimists who are looking forward to a healthy increase of activity in all industries during the year. It may be slow, but we hope in all sincerity that it may be sure.

Mr. Henry Dawson, of Leighton, Essex, was repairing a refrigerator in the basement of a butcher's shop at Guildford, when a gas explosion wrecked the chamber and inflicted severe burns on him and he was taken to hospital.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "The Side Show of Life."
To-day—World Theatre; at 5.15 & 9.20 "The Great Love" at 2.30 & 2.15 Chinese Drama "The Romance of a Star."

To-day—Star Theatre; "Fascinating Youth."
To-day—Star Theatre; Dancing display by the Pupils of Miss V. Capell, 9.15 p.m.

March 1—Dance at Cheer 'O, Y.M.C.A., at 7.30 p.m.

March 2—Musical evening at Cheer 'O, Y.M.C.A., at 7.30 p.m.

March 1-3—Queen's Theatre; "The Scarlet Letter."

March 1-3—World Theatre; "The Confession of a Queen."

March 1-3—Star Theatre; "Introduce Me."

March 4-5—World Theatre; "Menap."

March 4-5—Star Theatre; "The Whole Town's Talking."

March 4—Queen's Theatre; "The Curious."

March 6-7—World Theatre; "The Crown of Lies."

March 6-7—Star Theatre; "Altars of Desire."

March 8—Musical at Helena May Institute.

March 8-10—World Theatre; "Drusilla With A Millions."

March 8-10—Star Theatre; "The Little Irish Girl."

Sports.

To-day—Whist Drive Cheer 'O, Y.M.C.A., at 7 p.m.

March 3—"American" lawn tennis tourney (mixed doubles) for members of the Ladies' Recreation Club, 2.30 p.m.

March 3—Fauling Hunt steeplechases (Spring meeting).

March 6—R. H. K. Golf Club (Ladies' Section) medal competition.

March 10—Next Tournament of the H.K. Bowling Assn.; Lee Theatre, Percival Street, East Point.

March 11—Sixth extra race meeting of Macao Race Club.

March 14—Ninth bi-annual race for ship's life boats ("Trevelva" Trophy) starting at 4 p.m.

March 17—Hong Kong Jockey Club extra race meeting, Happy Valley.

March 20—R. H. K. Golf Club (Ladies' Section) bogey competition, New Course, Fauling.

Lammer's Auctions.

March 2—Miscellaneous goods at Godown No. 3, Upper H.K. & K. Wharf, & Godown Co., Ltd., West Pt., 11 a.m.

March 5—At 169, The Peak, (Mt. Kellott Rd.) valuable household furniture, 2.45 p.m.

March 5—At Sales Room, Duddell St., postage stamps, 5.15 p.m.

Hughes & Hough's Auction.

March 1—At Auction Room, Ice House Street, valuable leasehold property situate in Peak District, 3 p.m.

Meetings.

March 6—Meeting of lady helpers of the "Cheer 'O" canteen, Chater Rd., in Helena May Institute, 10.30 a.m.

March 10—Thirty-second yearly meeting of shareholders in the Dairy Farm Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd., 2, Lower Albert Road, noon.

March 16—Thirty-ninth general meeting of the H.K. Electric & Co. Ltd., Company's offices, P. & O. Bldg., noon.

Miscellaneous.

To-day—Mrs. Russell-Brown distributes prizes and certificates at the Diocesan Girls' School, Kowloon, 5 p.m.

March 1—Ladies' Night at the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, 9 p.m.

March 1—Hong Kong Technical Institute reopens on this date.

March 1—Annual dinner of members of St. David's Society, Lane, Crawford's Restaurant cancelled.

March 3-10—Chinese Y.M.C.A. & Y.W.C.A. with Chinese Medical Assn. hold health campaign at Y.M.C.A. Bldg., Bridges St., 7 p.m.

March 5—H.E. the Governor formally opens King's College, Bonham Rd., 3 p.m.

March 5—Mr. R. C. Tredwell, U.S. Consul-General in H.K. lectures on "Personal Experiences in Russian Turkestan" at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

March 5—Distribution of prizes at St. Paul's Institute, Causeway Bay, by Lady Clementi, 5 p.m.

March 6—Annual Inspection of St. John Ambulance Brigade by H.E. the Governor, Murray Parade ground, 5.15 p.m.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Paris, Feb. 28.—French imports for January totalled 4,123,000,000 and exports 4,016,000,000 francs.—Havas.

To-morrow is St. David's Day and the local St. David's Society will lay a wreath at the Cenotaph at 11 a.m.

Singapore, Feb. 28.—The Royal Air Force Flying Boats have arrived to undergo an overhaul before leaving for Australia in the middle of May.—Reuter.

Mr. Frank Austin, Hong Kong manager of Messrs. S. J. David & Co., has gone on business to Shanghai. He sailed yesterday on the "President Taft."

Rio de Janeiro, Feb. 28.—Twelve fatalities occurred in severe floods in the southern part of the city yesterday. Following heavy rain water poured down from the hills turning the streets into torrents.—Reuter.

Paris, Feb. 28.—It is stated that Spain will return to the League of Nations at the September Session. This follows on the reported Franco-Spanish Agreement regarding the administration of Tangier.—Reuter.

Mr. Henry L. Stimson, Governor-General of the Philippines, left Hong Kong yesterday to take up his new position, many Government officials and others assembling at the pier where Mr. Stimson embarked for the s.s. "President McKinley."

Falling from the second floor of No. 23, Main Street, West Point, yesterday afternoon, a Chinese received serious injuries from which he died at the Government Civil Hospital soon after admission. In his fall the man struck a pedestrian who was injured in the head.

A Muscicle will be given at the Helena May Institute on Thursday, March 8, at 5.30 p.m. The following will take part—Mrs. Sanger, Miss Dunbar, Mr. John Braga and Mr. Bowes-Smith. Tables for tea must be booked by Wednesday afternoon at the latest.—Advt.

A narrow escape from being electrocuted was the experience of a Chinese pedestrian in Morrison Hill Road, Happy Valley. The current leaked out from a petrol fountain. A Chinese constable pluckily went to the rescue and managed to switch off the electricity.

Captain Kilbee, Dr. S. M. Yue and Mr. J. M. Wright arrived in Hong Kong yesterday by the "General Metzinger" from Shanghai. Among those who joined the ship here were Mr. J. Limage (of Messageries Maritimes) and Mr. Howard Phillips who is going down to Saigon.

Comdr. G. B. Hartford, D.S.O., R.N. (retired), who is probably best known as Adjutant of the Hong Kong Police Reserve until a few weeks ago, left the Colony yesterday bound for Home with Mrs. Hartford. They sailed on the "President Taft" for San Francisco and are travelling over America and then across the Atlantic.

The steam yacht "Gutty Sark," which was originally intended for a destroyer, but was adapted to pleasure purposes at the end of the war, is about to proceed to the Mediterranean. She was converted to a yacht for Major Keavick, who made a tour in her round the world. She now is owned by the Duke of Westminster, who is leaving in her.

Intimidation among workers in the various mills in the Settlement and elsewhere in Shanghai continues despite the efforts of the police and Chinese soldiery to apprehend the intimidators and stamp out the evil. As the result of the activities of agitators and intimidators 450 male and 750 female workers stopped work at a Japanese jute mill at 64, Robinson Road.

Whilst the s.s. "Fatshan" was on a voyage to Canton on Monday, a Chinese steerage passenger jumped into the harbour in an attempt to commit suicide. The alarm was raised immediately, the boat was stopped, but without assistance the man in the water, who apparently had changed his mind, swam back to the boat and was hauled on board none the worse for his immersion.

Sir Miles Lampson, British Minister at Peking, was the guest of honour at a dinner last night at the Chinese Merchants' Club on his return to the Colony from Canton by H.M.S. "Taranulua." The hosts for the evening were the two Chinese members of the Legislative Council, the Hon. Sir Shok-son Chow and the Hon. Dr. K. H. Kote.

The aero-postal service between France and South America will be opened on March 1.

Mr. N. M. Currie of Messrs. Davie, Boag & Co., Ltd. has gone to Shanghai, sailing yesterday on the "President Taft."

Two cases of enteric fever (typhoid), both Chinese from the city registration district, were notified to the Medical Officer of Health yesterday.

His Honour Sir Peter Grain, Judge of the British Supreme Court, Shanghai, who is now sitting on the Hong Kong Appeal Court, has been elected President of St. George's Society, Shanghai.

With Mrs. Hornell and Miss N. Hornell, Mr. E. B. C. Hornell of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. left Hong Kong on the "President Taft" yesterday, on transfer to Shanghai.



Miss Pearl Smiddy, daughter of the Minister of the Irish Free State to the United States, and Mrs. Timothy Smiddy, whose engagement to Maj. Alfonso Reyes, of the Spanish Army, has just been announced. The wedding will take place in the near future at Fox Rock, the home of the Minister near Dublin, Ireland.

Mr. H. W. Robertson and Mr. N. S. Brown, principals of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, were both on the "President Taft" which sailed from Hong Kong yesterday. They are bound for Shanghai. Mr. Robertson is accompanied by Miss M. Robertson.

General Li Chai-sum, chairman of the Canton Provincial Government, is to be the guest of the Hong Kong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce at dinner at the South China restaurant (China Building roof garden), at 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 3, during the General's official visit to Hong Kong.



London, Eng.—The latest likeness of Vera Countess Cathcart, who recently was bequeathed \$2,500 a year by the late Earl Cathcart, who divorced her in 1922, naming the Earl of Craven. Countess Cathcart was denied admission to the United States in 1923 on the grounds of moral turpitude, but was later admitted.

Among the passengers on the "President Taft" when she sailed from Hong Kong yesterday were Mr. E. Weber, manager of the National Aniline and Chemical Corporation, going to Shanghai on business; Mr. M. Yasuhara, secretary of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce, Shanghai, returning to Shanghai; Mr. S. C. Lethbridge, assistant Customs Inspector for Los Angeles; Mr. W. T. Alexander, Palmolive Soap Co., going to Shanghai; Admiral Luigi Miraglia of the Italian Navy, also bound for Shanghai; Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Yung; Miss Remedios; Mrs. R. D. R. Smith; Mrs. J. D. Campbell; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Smith; and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Smith.

Ladies' Night will be observed at the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, to-morrow. The programme opens at 9 p.m.

Lists of special and common jurors of Hong Kong have been issued in the "Government Gazette" (extraordinary).

New York, Feb. 28.—The death is announced of the Rev. Ethelbert Talbot, late presiding Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church. —Reuter's American Service.

Mr. F. McD. Courtney, sub-manager of the Hong Kong office of the National City Bank of New York, with Mrs. Courtney, sailed from Hong Kong yesterday on the "President Taft." They are going home on holiday and are travelling via America.

Messrs. H. E. Arnhold, A. D. Bell, Stirling Fessenden, K. Fukushima, T. Funatsu, B. C. M. Johnston, W. P. Lamb, V. G. Lyman, and J. J. Paterson are considered elected to the Municipal Council of the International Settlement, Shanghai, as their names (nine) were the only ones nominated.

Mr. B. H. Brown, Mr. P. W. Spalding and Mrs. M. H. Johnson were among the Hong Kong passengers on the "President McKinley" when she sailed for Manila yesterday. Through passengers, besides those in the party of Governor-General Stimson of the Philippines, were Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Dallas.

It is officially announced that the King has approved the appointment of Mr. Joseph Addison, C.M.G., Counsellor of His Majesty's Embassy at Berlin, to be His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Riga, Royal, and Kovno. Mr. Addison in 1908 was appointed acting Second Secretary at Peking, and served there for three years.

"As a body the police forces of this country deserve and have earned the admiration of the world," stated Sir William Joynson-Hicks, the Home Secretary, in a message of Christmas greeting to the police forces of England and Wales. "As Home Secretary," he continues, "I am responsible to Parliament for the efficient administration of the police forces of Great Britain, and it is one of my responsibilities of which I am most proud."

As reported yesterday, a Chinese passenger arriving in the Colony on board the s.s. "President McKinley" was arrested for the unlawful possession of a revolver and five rounds of ammunition. He was charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy, and pleaded that he was ignorant of local regulations and did not know that it was necessary to get a licence for the firearm. A fine of \$200 was imposed with the alternative of three months' hard labour.

A Chinese who was arrested in Shanghai recently after he had been caught in the act of stealing a handbag from a foreign lady named Mrs. I. Smith, during the remand, confessed to another robbery committed some time ago. This robbery dated back to December 13, 1927, when a Portuguese seaman, named Jono Richard Das Santos was attacked by a gang of robbers and relieved of a considerable sum in cash and valuables. Two of the gang were arrested and sentenced to ten years' imprisonment for this offence but the others were not captured. One of these was the accused before the Provisional Court last week when he denied having confessed to the robbery of the Portuguese and said that he had been tortured to make the confession. A further remand of the case was ordered.

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HOME FOOTBALL.

TWO MATCHES IN MID-WEEK.

RANGERS' VICTORY.

London, Yesterday.
In division III. (northern section) of the Football League, Rochdale defeated Rotherham by two goals to one.
In division I. of the Scottish League, Rangers beat Queen's Park by four goals to nil.—Router.

The respective tables now stand:—

Division III. (North)	
	Goals.
Bradford	30 20 8 2 80 31 48
Doncaster	29 18 4 7 64 31 40
Tranmere	28 15 6 7 70 43 36
Stockport	28 15 6 8 56 38 35
Southport	28 15 6 8 56 40 33
Wrexham	28 15 6 8 56 40 33
Bradford City	28 14 10 8 62 46 32
Darlington	28 14 10 8 59 41 32
Accrington	28 12 8 10 57 51 32
Lincoln	28 14 11 57 57 32
Halifax	28 11 9 9 55 47 31
Rochdale	28 12 8 9 55 40 31
Hartlepool	28 11 5 14 52 62 27
New Brighton	27 10 11 46 43 26
Chesterfield	26 9 8 13 51 58 26
Rotherham	26 9 7 13 49 45 25
Crewe	26 8 7 14 50 45 23
Ashington	26 8 7 14 50 45 23
Fulham	26 8 7 14 50 45 23
Nelson	26 8 7 14 50 45 23
Barrow	26 8 7 14 50 45 23
Wigan	26 8 7 14 50 45 23

Division III. (South)	
	Goals.
Rangers	28 20 5 3 57 30 45
Northwich	28 19 6 5 77 34 44
Celtic	28 17 8 4 71 27 42
Hearts	28 18 4 8 82 41 40
St. Mirren	28 16 6 9 59 59 36
Partick	28 14 5 10 69 59 33
Aberdeen	28 14 4 12 55 51 32
Kilmarnock	28 13 8 9 55 63 32
Falkirk	28 15 2 12 65 53 32
Cowdenbeath	28 12 7 10 49 51 31
St. Johnstone	28 11 8 11 57 54 30
Hibernians	28 10 7 12 54 52 27
Dundee	28 11 4 15 61 69 26
Queens Park	28 9 6 15 64 63 24
Airdrie	28 9 7 10 43 60 24
Clyde	28 8 7 13 36 62 21
Bo'ness	28 8 7 13 36 62 21
Hamilton	28 8 7 13 36 62 21
Ruth	28 8 7 13 36 62 21
Dunfermline	28 8 7 13 36 62 21

SHIELD TIE.

CLUB'S KICK AND RUSH METHODS.

KOSBIES' TWO "GOALS."

Although the 2nd Batt. King's Own Scottish Borderers twice put the net into their opponents' goal yesterday, they were beaten by two goals to nil in the postponed second round of the H.K.F.A. Shield (senior division). They met the Hong Kong Football Club who concentrated on "kick and rush"—and the tactics paid.

Twice in the second half the ball entered the Club's net. On the first occasion, Campbell of the Kosbies dropped the ball inches in front of the goal and Toal rushed it in, but he was ruled to have used his hand in so doing. The second time Stock banged the ball past Rodger (the Club goalie) but the whistle for off-side had gone long before. In the first half, Davey failed with a penalty against the Club.

Scott, scored for the winners in the first half. After the change of ends, Taylor clinched the issue by adding the second.

Both sides were at full strength in this match, which was played on the Club's ground at the Valley.

The winners meet Kowloon F.C. in the semi-final, at Sookpoom, next Saturday.

The Kosbies are engaged again this afternoon, in the senior final of the United Services competition, their opponents being H.M.S. "Titania." The finalists in the junior division are 2nd Batt. Scots Guards (Reserves) and H.M.S. "Iroquois." H.E. the G.O.C., Major-General C. C. Luard, will present the trophies at the conclusion.

BILLIARDS MATCH.

ROYAL NAVY v. DOCKYARD POLICE.

The R.N. Dockyard Police, in their club, lost in a team billiards match to a Royal Navy team last night. Scores:—

Royal Navy. Dockyard Police.	
E.A.R. Read	150 Birchall 124
C.P.O. Best	150 Gossett 80
C.E.R.A.	
Presley	117 Jackson 150
Jnr. Light	128 Neill 150
E.A.R. Davis	160 Ellis 80
S.B.P.O. Pyne	150 Howells 89
Total	845 Total 679

The emergency committee of the Home F.A. Council recommend that no claim made by a player against a club for payment for work found for him shall be entertained, the claims for wages only to be considered. It has become a practice for clubs to find work for players signing on for them, in addition to their football duties.

FLAT RACING.

H.K. JOCKEY CLUB EXTRA MEETINGS.

DATES FOR THE SEASON.

Hong Kong will have ten more days of flat racing in 1928, according to the provisional programme of the Jockey Club.
The first extra meeting was held last Saturday. Dates have been chosen for seven more meetings, three of which will be two-day affairs. Extra meeting dates follow:—

2nd: March 17.
3rd: April 7 and 9.
4th: May 26 and 28.
5th: June 23.
6th: October 6 and 8.
7th: November 10.
8th: December 1.

NEW HEAVYWEIGHT.

BRITISH "OFFICE BOY" THE NEXT HOPE?

MYSTERY OF IDENTITY.

From England comes the claim of discovery of a new boxing heavyweight with championship possibilities. It is an old story, but one to which an Englishman will ever lend a sympathetic ear.

The identity of the latest British aspirant is a closely guarded secret. Just why this should be necessary is not quite clear. Perhaps his backers fear that some third rate American fighter will up and slap him horizontal before he has been properly exploited. It is barely possible that they consider this secrecy useful from a publicity point of view.

The newcomer is a former office boy. That much, and a little more, has been learned about him. Recently he was promoted to be a junior "clerk" in a city office.

Not Yet Twenty.
This potential champion is not yet 20. He has been boxing for several years, however, and recently stopped three amateurs in a single evening.

During the lunch hour in the City, several boxers of repute lie themselves to the offices in which the junior clerk is employed and all descend to a basement, where the gloves are produced and the fun begins.
The youngster, it is said, (and this couldn't all be publicity chatter, could it?) takes on the others, one after another, each tiring rapidly under the strenuous attack of "Kid X." One 217 pound heavyweight is said to be unable to stay more than two rounds with our hero.

Easy First Victory.

"Kid X" got his start in this same basement, when only an office boy. A clerk made some slighting remark which the humble office boy resented, and the pair went downstairs to fight it out with the mauls. It was an easy first victory for "Kid X." His firm promoter, and apparently intends to continue to do so, Jimmy J. Johnston, who doesn't care what he says as long as his name is spelled right, professes to believe that when Phil Scott returns to New York next year the Hackney Wick fire laddie can be made into a first rate fighter.
But it might be well to have Phil take on that mysterious office boy in the meantime.

THE MARATHON.

ANNUAL RACE AT KOWLOON ON MARCH 5.

Entries close to-morrow for the annual Kowloon Marathon which will be run at 4.30 p.m. on Monday, March 5. Competitors should be at St. Andrew's Church Hall at 4 p.m. Prizes given by Mr. R. M. Dyer, Mr. W. S. Bailey and Mr. E. Cock, M.B.E., will be presented at the conclusion.

Officials are as follows:—Starters, Mr. W. S. Bailey; Judges, Rev. W. Walton Rogers, Captain R. D. Thomas, Mr. P. Sands; Timekeepers, Mr. J. H. Hunt; O.B.E., Mr. J. W. Baldwin, Mr. P. White, Mr. R. Baldwin; Medical Officer, Dr. J. Durran.

St. Andrew's Boy Scouts Troop

will be on duty along the route.

BILLIARDS INTERPORT.

Information has been received from Shanghai about the forthcoming Portuguese interport billiards match which is to be played in Hong Kong, some particulars of which were given a few days ago. The Shanghai Portuguese team travels on the "Empress of Asia" (leave Shanghai March 13 and return March 27) and may include:—G. M. P. Remedios, F. A. Alvares, S. Rivero, A. M. Souza, J. Medina, L. R. Barrera, V. F. Pereira, J. C. de Brito (manager), A. de S. Braga (epoch and scorer).
Hong Kong and Shanghai have each won once.

BASEBALL BATS.

THE AVERAGE PLAYER CHERISHES THEM.

HUNG UP.

The professional ball-player gives nearly as much attention to his bats as an artist to his brushes. Except the pitchers, usually poor hit-makers, the average player will tell you his bat makes his bank account.

During the winter, it is safe to say the prominent swatters of both major circuits have from a dozen to twenty pieces of second-growth ash hanging in their basements. The bats are not seasoned to suit many players when they come from the factory.

Sam Crawford probably started the custom of seasoning bats. When he played with Detroit, he used to soak a score in oil during the off-months. When it came to judging ash in bats, Crawford was the connoisseur of the major leagues. One glance at the run of the grain, and Sam could give an accurate appraisal of the driving power. Now then he would trade bats, and he was never known to get the worse of the bargain.

Sam spent almost as much time conditioning his bats as he did shaping himself.
Crawford was still obsessed by the bat bug after his retirement, and invented the only laminated bat to reach the market. "Babe" Ruth introduced it with telling effect, and it was gaining rapidly in favour when it was discovered a two-piece bat was discredited by the rules.

Various models are named after great batters who use them. Some players attach pet names to their clubs. Jim Delehanty, the great batter of the old days, alluded to his favourite bat as "Betsy." It is common to hear bats called such names as "Bertha" and "Big Boy." Players usually order a dozen at once. Out of that number, a player considers himself lucky if he finds two or three he can use regularly. When he gets a bat of exceptional driving force, he calls it a "piece of iron," and treasures it.

I recall one incident which somewhat upset the players' illusions about bats. Several years ago the Detroit Club went east to meet the Yankees. Our baseball baggage, including our bats, was lost. The Yankee manager met the emergency in part by allowing us to wear the Yankees' travelling uniforms. We wore the shirts inside-out to hide the letters "N. Y." The generosity of the Yankee manager ceased when it came to bats. We were allowed only three of our practice bats. To make the situation worse, one of the Yanks' star pitchers headed for the rubber, and the entire team was laughing at our plight. Our gang were red with anger, but they gamely sailed in with three bats and won the game. They knocked star out of the box.

GOLF.

ASTONISHING HAPPENINGS RELATED.

The day Bobby Jones and Willie Macfarlane engaged in their play-off for the national open championship at the Worcester Country Club was blistering hot. The great amateur and the star professional finished their four rounds of play with a score of 291. Bobby was an overwhelming favourite to win.

At the end of nine holes Willie led by one stroke. He picked up another at the short tenth, where Jones landed his tee shot in a trap. They halved the next three, and then Bob pulled the shot that surprised and thrilled me more than anything I have seen in years of competitive golf.

His second on the fourteenth hole left him ninety yards off the green. Macfarlane was well on some twenty yards from the pin, and almost certain to get his par four. It looked as though Bob might lose one and possibly two shots to the professor from Oak Ridge. The loss of those shots there would almost certainly beat him.

Bobby took his niblick, and played a careful and dainty shot. The ball hit just short of the cup, and rolled in, giving him a birdie. Macfarlane got his four, but his lead had been cut to one, instead of increasing to three. Jones halved things with another birdie on the seventeenth.

In the extra eighteen holes that afternoon Bobby pulled up a four stroke lead on the first nine holes, but Willie came back with a wonderful 35 to win out at the finish of the most remarkable play-off in golfing history.—Cyril Walker.

The Welsh boxers who will take part in the fly-weight championship belt competition are young Jim Driscoll (Ferndale), Wyndham Blake (Penryn), Jerry O'Neill (Merthyr), T. S. Samuel (Treherria), Frank Kestrell (Cardiff), George Williams (Bedwas), and Terence Morgan (Newport).

"TIN RABBITS."

MAKER NEARLY A MILLIONAIRE.

DOG RACING PIONEER.

Oakland, California.—This is the story of a man who "went to the dogs" and came back with close to a million dollars.

It is the story of George Sawyer, Oakland sportsman, who with the late O. P. Smith of Chicago literally "pulled a tin rabbit" out of his hat back in 1919 and started greyhound coursing at Emeryville, California.

Sawyer, who is in Oakland today, and with Mrs. O. P. Smith holds full patent rights to the electrically propelled tin rabbit that excites greyhounds into chasing around a circular track, announces that the sport has become international.

He is to-day in receipt of an invitation from promoters at Wembley stadium in England who want Sawyer's company to build a coursing track there.

Inquiries have also come to Sawyer from Berlin, Vienna, Budapest and Copenhagen.

Otto Wohlauf, Tulsa, Oklahoma track builder, will go to England for Sawyer soon to instruct the English in construction of the track and the set-up of the "tin rabbit." As Sawyer and Mrs. Smith hold full patent rights, royalties come in steady stream.

Outlaw Tracks.

Outlaw tracks have sprung up all over the country but Sawyer's agents have foretold out nearly every one and either made them quit or join the association and pay the royalties.

In Chicago during the Dempsey-Tunney training period, Sawyer's track was running full blast and packing the crowds in.

Sawyer closed the track at Emeryville only when the generators from the district attorney's office pointed to Sawyer's interests with the finger of suspicion after noticing patrons using the finger betting system.

From Oakland he went to Tulsa, and since there are tracks in close to a dozen large Eastern cities.

Here's the way this greyhound racing business works: The bounds, all classed as to speed, are enclosed in compartments at one end of the track. Then the tin rabbit is started around the track. It whistles around, gaining momentum, making considerable clatter which attracts the attention of the hounds. The second time it whistles by the hound compartment a trap door springs up and the race is on. The tin rabbit whistles on and on, leaping and bounding as though alive, and the dogs, running in lanes, shoot up the track a mile a minute. There are races for all classes—pups and champions. As soon as a dog has won a number of starts he is advanced to a faster field.

Crooked Work Done.

Even in greyhound racing, however, where there is no jockey to break mouths and necks by "pulling them in," there is some dirty work at the cross-roads, Sawyer admits. A "shot of the stuff" will make a mile a minute hound out of a "sooner," and a little "sleeping powder" will make a "sooner" out of a champion.

There are all kinds of tricks to knock down prices and put in "ringers," but track authorities have found a way to discourage much of this.
When a "longshot" wins a race it had no business winning, track officials demand that its owner keep the dog running in the fast class. If he fails on his next start, he's "put out to pasture" for thirty days to get him in condition. Failure means being ruled off the track for life.

Sometimes the hounds forget the racing rabbit and get into a free for all fight on the track. But blinkers are put on these "bad actors," and if that "doesn't" cure them, they are entered in the hurdle races whether they can hurdle or not. "A greyhound has a 'one track mind,' anyway," Sawyer claims. "He can't see his neighbor with the blinkers and that gets his mind on the tin rabbit. A hurdle looming up suddenly gives the hound no time to look before leaping. He leaps. And forgets all about his grudge."

Greyhound racing looms as the greatest sport of all and will soon outdo horse-racing for popularity, Sawyer claims.

The projected tour of German athletes in Japan, arranged for this year, has been postponed until April, 1929, in order that Germany shall have the very best representation at the Olympic Games at Amsterdam.

The Air Ministry Harriers held their cross-country championship at Ruislip over a five-mile course. The result was: F. S. Byatt (holder), 35 min. 28 sec.; 1. R. T. Barrett, 36 min. 11 sec.; 2. T. E. Parry, 36 min. 40 sec.; 3.

A NEW "HARE."

DOG-RACING POSSIBLE ANYWHERE.

SPORT TO GO ON.

Everybody seems to take it for granted that greyhound-racing is going to go on. The Home Office has given it a great fillip by announcing that it is legally advised that there is no opening for a prosecution for illegal betting. As at present managed greyhound-racing with an electric hare needs a good deal of preparation and an even track. You can't have greyhound-racing anywhere, let us say on a temporarily disused football field, without an installation that takes, say, about three months.

Now a new invention has changed all this. It is called the trackless hare. It consists of a mock hare on a sledge with a complicated system of wheels, and it is worked by hand. The inventor is Captain F. H. Nixon. He states that his hare can double and almost jump as well as the real hare, and that the dogs in consequence take much more interest in it. The motive-power consists of a man working a crank with graduated cogwheels attached by a long, thin string or wire to a mechanical hare. There is therefore no track, hence the name trackless hare, and no installation of electric power. This hare is able to travel over rough country if need be. It can even take a hairpin bend, though the dogs do not like this. It has already been tried at Staines, and has worked. It can be used for a course of 550 yards, which is understood to be the average length of a greyhound-racing course.

The whole business is crazy, of course, but it may be noted that greyhound-racing is purely a matter of betting. The new invention of the hand-worked hare makes it possible to put down a greyhound-racing track anywhere where there is land free to do it. The whole machine can be assembled in a few hours and taken to pieces in a few hours. It can take rough country as well as smooth. It has control of speed better, although it is a hand-driven machine, than the electric installation. Either the courts will decide that betting on greyhound-racing is illegal or the Government will have to say that it shall be illegal. Meanwhile the new invention means that a greyhound racing track can be started anywhere where there is the land to spare.

After 20 years as an inside-left, Joseph Smith, the famous ex-Bolton Wanderer, was played at centre forward by Stockport County against Accrington Stanley, and performed the hat-trick.

Two boxing tournaments at Cardiff were postponed in one evening because of the poor attendance. The severe weather was the reason attributed for these unprecedented happenings so far as the Welsh metropolis is concerned.

TINNED STOCKINGS.

HOW THE GOLDEN SHEEN IS PRODUCED.

The vogue of the flesh-coloured artificial silk stocking was mentioned at the annual meeting of the Associated Tin Company of Nigeria by the chairman, the Hon. Lionel Holland, who said that a new and important industrial use of tin was its application in the rapidly expanding artificial silk industry.

It may surprise many women to know that the golden sheen of some stockings is really a tin one. A dyestuffs expert said that tin was used as a mordant (means of fixing colour) in the dyeing of artificial silk, and the high lustre which the stockings possessed was largely due to its agency. He added:

Women have been largely responsible for the increasing applications of tin to new uses. It takes an important part in the manufacture of all artificial silk lingerie; it is used in the manufacture of nearly all articles of the toilet table; and it is tin that makes possible the collapsible tubes of toilet and cosmetic preparations, the sales of which are increasing every day. Miss 1928, in fact, may be regarded as a modern goddess of tin.

The people of Britain got through 22,750,000 dozen pairs of stockings and socks in 1924. This works out at six pairs for each member of the population, compared with four pairs in 1912.

Dr. Claude Fuller, the South African Government entomologist, has reported that the extermination of the tsetse fly is impossible and that to preserve game it would be necessary to remove it to parts of the country where the fly is unable to live.

THE LANCE.

NO LONGER TO BE USED AS WAR WEAPON.

NOT UNEXPECTED.

London, Jan. 13.
It has been decided, states an Army Order, to abolish the lance as a weapon of war.

Henceforth, it will not be carried on field training, but will be retained by Lancer regiments for ceremonial purposes only.

Training in the handling and use of this weapon, other than for ceremonial purposes, will be discontinued forthwith.

This announcement (writes a Military Correspondent) was not altogether unexpected. Of the two traditional Cavalry arms—the sword and the lance—it was thought that the lance would be the first to disappear. So long as we retain Cavalry—and their death-knell, will not yet be sounded—the sword will be part of their equipment, although the rifle is likely to remain their most effective weapon. The South African War was responsible for arming our Cavalry regiments with the rifle, and in order to make it more suitable for the mounted soldier the S.M.L.E. (short magazine Lee-Enfield) was approved, alike for horses and foot.

The sword was drawn during the European War, but the lance, so far as British cavalrymen were concerned, was a "back number."

A Lance Wound.

Lieutenant-General Sir David Campbell, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Aldershot Command, was wounded three times in the late war—by bullet, shell, and lance. Bullet and shell wounds were common enough, but except for Sir David's Adjutant, no other officer so far as is known, received a wound from a German lance.

Lancers, as a branch of Cavalry, were introduced to the British service in 1816. There are now four Regiments known as Lancers. They are the 9th Queen's Royal Lancers, the 12th Royal Lancers, of which the Prince of Wales is Colonel-in-Chief, the 16th/5th Lancers, and the 17th/21st Lancers. These were converted at different dates from Hussars and Light Dragoons, the last conversion being in 1896. Before the recent amalgamation of Regiments there were six Lancer Regiments.

A FIRST FOLIO.

£10,000 SPECIMEN FOR AMERICA.

New York, Jan. 12.
The "Herald-Tribune" states that a Shakespeare First Folio of the finest quality, known to bibliophiles as the Wantage-Crawford copy, because it was located by Sir Sidney Lee in the library of Lady Wantage, has been quietly brought to the United States and sold to an American collector for the sum of £10,000.

The First Folio, writes the Sale Room Correspondent of the "Morning Post," was originally published in 1623 at £1. The auction maximum, £8,600, was paid in 1922 by Dr. Philip Rosenbach for the celebrated Burdett-Coutts impression. It was afterwards passed on to Mr. Folger of New York, for a sum believed to approximate to £15,000. Mr. Folger has the unique distinction of possessing thirty-five copies of the First Folio.

The finest and largest example of the First Folio extant is that formerly in the collection of the late Sir George Holford. Like the majority of the existing copies, it went to America, with many other Holford treasures.

The original edition of the First Folio consisted of 500 copies, and so far about 180 have been traced. Of this number about 80 are in public libraries in this country. The copy now in the British Museum was bought by the Right Hon. Thomas Grenville at the Saunders sale in 1818 for £121 16s.

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FASHIONS AND FANCIES

THE ROBE DE STYLE ENTERS UPON ANOTHER POPULAR SEASON.

Long Hooped Skirts and These, in Short Lengths Will Dominate the Evening Mode. All Fabrics Are Seen in These Bouffant Frocks.



Last season saw what was considered the height of the bouffant model. The robe de style had a vogue of its own that was quite enviable and many smart and extremely interesting appearances were witnessed because of the vogue of this type of gown. Now the word has gone around that Paris is again stressing this model in its interpretations of all that is new and desirable.

There are to be many types of robe de style exhibited. They are to appear in all fabrics, colours and designs.

One of the most unusual and apparently most popular-to-be gowns of this period type is of black net. Its simplicity is its marked feature. Unusual effects are created by the uneven hemlines which may tip at either side, back or front. The bodices are usually very simple in their cut but may emphasize an oddly cut neckline. A great bow of contrasting ribbon is often used as an interesting part of the gown. It is usually artistically perched on the left hip.

The robe de style traditionally has a long skirt, but this year an exaggeratedly widened effect on the skirt, which, strangely enough, is short and almost shows the knees. Taffeta used in these wide but short gowns is decidedly effective. The waists show more unusual lines, too, in the deep V's cut both front and back and others with bandings of metallic cloth lending a smart note. Flowers at the waistline may either mass themselves into a huge posy or may cascade into an interesting treatment. Hoops are used generally in these very bouffant gowns.

Moire, too, will share in the season's list of robe de styles. It creates one of the simplest as well as most dignified of the formal gowns. The waists are bound to be snugly fitted with a shaped peplum, also flat, over the stiffly scalloped full skirt. A bertha of lace may point the drooping shoulder neckline and feature a prim little bow for ornamentation at one shoulder—in a contrasting colour.

Velvet, however, is a marked favourite in all types of evening gowns and will be greatly noticed in all colours. It lends itself well to combinations, too, and so will be found playing an extremely import-

ant role in the formal as well as informal mode. It is particularly effective in the bouffant lines.

Laces, which are always effective in formal gowns, are particularly desirable in the bouffant gown. In tiered effects they are quaintly appealing. Black Chantilly lace is especially successful when used in tiers and over a slip of black satin or taffeta if all black be desired, or over silver or shell pink if contrast and lighter tones are to be introduced. Pale pink is always an effective combination with black and when used in no other way may be found successful in the large bow of soft silk that is used at the left side of the waist.

Nets, too, are much favoured. They are particularly effective in the somewhat shaggy hemlines that delight in uneven point. These are lovely in the very long dress of true period inspiration.

Spangled and jewelled effects on net and lace backgrounds are both new and appealing. They lend a sparkle that is joyous to these quaintly beautiful gowns.

Billy Dove, in the First National film "American Beauty," wears a bouffant gown of extreme loveliness. It is of white Chantilly over layers of crinoline lace and sparkling with silver thread embroidery, very wide and long of skirt, snug of waist and simply trimmed with silver girdle that is narrow and distinctive and caught in front by a circle of diamonds. A large flower at the left shoulder and pearls are the only other adornments permitted.

PARIS NOTES.

Georgette For Evening Wear.

Notwithstanding the introduction of any number of new materials in the models of the present collections, georgette apparently remains the prime favourite for gowns intended for informal wear, both for day and evening. As a matter of fact, the popularity of this material has increased rather than declined during the past two seasons, and we find it used in nearly all the current collections for the gowns of many of the street ensembles in place of crepe de Chine and the lighter woollen materials. It is a very practical material, as it does not crush easily, and if it does get wrinkled, the creases soon shake out; it is soft and becoming and falls in graceful folds when draped, and it wears extremely well.

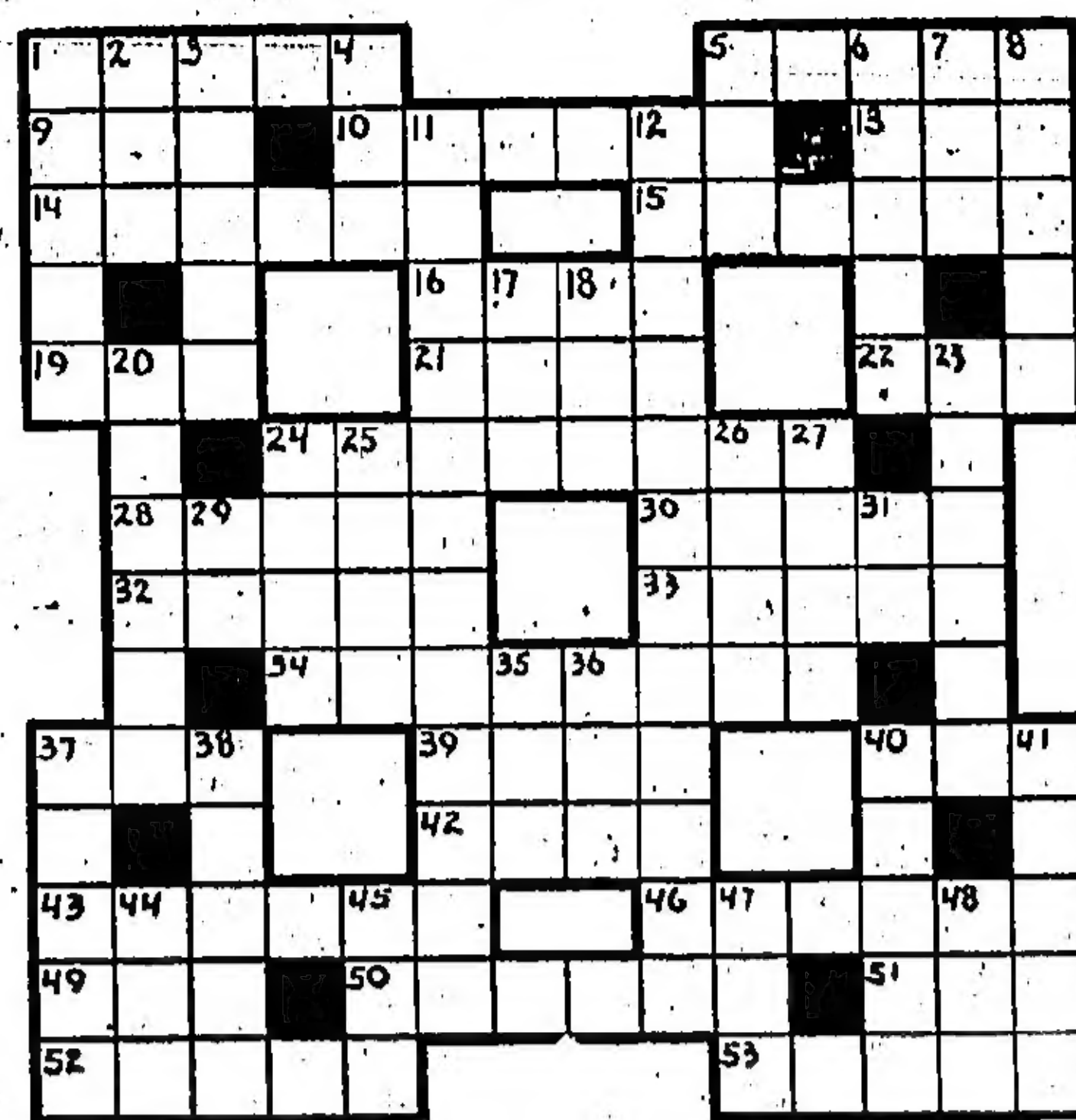
Georgette is used for any number of charming frocks in the current collection of Miller Seurs, in black, beige, navy blue, and several shades of brown and green. These frocks are very simple in cut, following closely the lines of the slim silhouette. Several have skirts composed of flat bands with the edges cut in little scallops or

square indentations. There is one in beige georgette on the skirts of which are three groups of narrow bands with the square cutting on the lower edge, and another of bottle-green in the same material with six finely-scalloped bands on the skirt and a long jabot of beige and green on the side of the other-wise plain bodice. The evening frocks of georgette in this collection are especially attractive; there is one in nasturtium yellow with six bias flounces on the skirt and a bunch of shaded nasturtiums on the shoulder and another in Nile green which has a two-tiered skirt with a graceful draping at the side and a straight jacket-like bodice.

A frock from the Maison Yvete, is characteristic of the georgette frocks of this designer. Simple in line, the hand of the artist is seen in the graceful drapery. The sleeve is on the order of the raglan, and the two wide bands seen in the front of the bodice are repeated in the back and crossed at the waistline. There is also an evening frock in this collection of the same deep orange shade which is made with a full draped skirt which is turned under, Turkish fashion. An evening frock in a paler yellow has a plain, slightly bloused bodice, and

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL

- 1-What is straw put about plants to protect the roots?
- 5-To reflect as in a mirror
- 9-A number
- 10-Costume
- 13-A Brazilian coin
- 14-What is that which makes up the substance of material things?
- 15-Pertaining to Etna (volcano)
- 16-Prefix, Against
- 19-To, comprehend
- 21-Of the three giant Noses' goddesses deciding the destinies of man and gods
- 22-An epoch
- 24-What are Judges of the Supreme Court called?
- 28-What is the juice from cooked meat?
- 30-In what mission building, San Antonio, Tex., did a massacre take place in 1834?
- 32-A cooper's plane
- 33-Ascends
- 34-What great cotton port is in Georgia?
- 37-Not principal or main
- 39-A portion of any surface

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

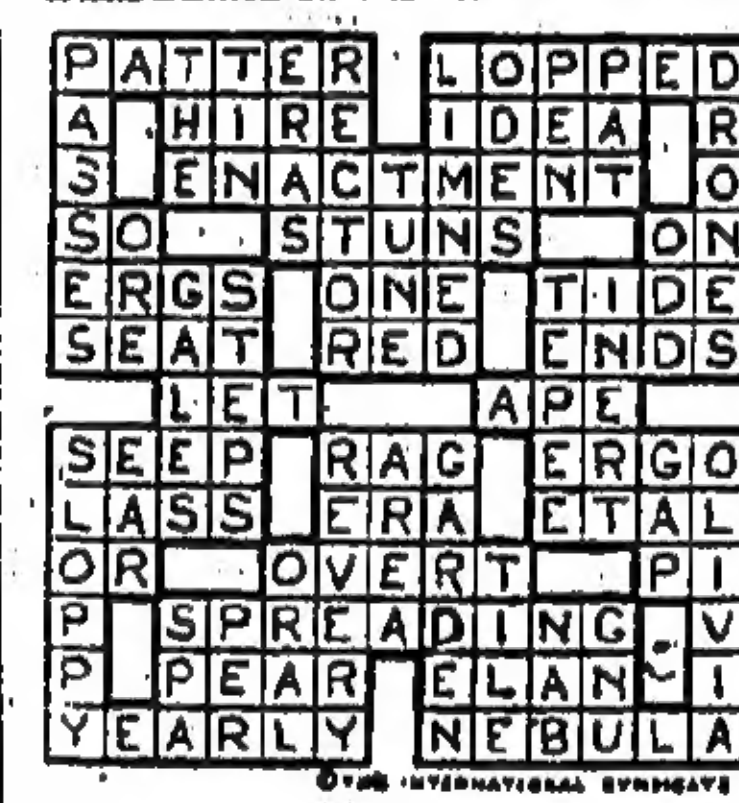
- 40-A serpent
- 42-A waterlizard
- 43-What ancient town in Phocis, Greece, was famous for its oracles of Apollo?
- 46-What king of Wessex was called first "King of the English"?
- 49-Sooner than
- 50-Full of branches
- 51-Born (French)
- 52-To skip lightly
- 53-What is a specific rhythmic arrangement of words?

VERTICAL

- 17-A negative
- 18-Prefix. Thrice
- 20-A number
- 23-What are tallies' large smoothing-irons?
- 24-Soldier
- 25-What is the dark portion of the iris of the eye?
- 26-What was Charles Lamb's pen name?
- 27-What is an ornamental band for the waist?
- 29-A square land measure (abbr.)
- 31-Personal pronoun
- 35-Exalt
- 36-Lately discovered
- 37-Presaged ill
- 38-What girl's name is a diminutive of "Eleanor"?
- 40-Concerning
- 41-Which apostle denied the Master?
- 44-What is a period dating from a fixed epoch?
- 45-Holy Roman Empire (abbr.)
- 47-What is a perfect work of art?
- 48-What lake of central Ireland is on the East boundary of Roscommon county?

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



a novel draping at the front which consists of a strip of the material placed across the front of the skirt, forming a short, straight overkirt which falls in long points on either side. A figured georgette frock in navy blue and white is made with a pleated skirt and a straight apron effect in both the back and the front, which falls in a point on one side.

Mme. Charlotte has several very distinguished frocks in black georgette for afternoon wear, among them one which has long lines of narrow black velvet ribbon extending from the neck to the hem in the front and forming the under-side of the pleats on the front of the skirt and with two long, graceful lines at the back and trimming the long, slightly full sleeve. An evening frock in this collection is of pale pink georgette, the skirt composed of rounded panels which are

edged with a very narrow pink silk fringe and a plain bodice with a pale pink flower on one shoulder. A pale blue georgette in this same collection is particularly appropriate for a young girl, with its groups of hand-run tucks and its full girdle tied in a bow at the side.

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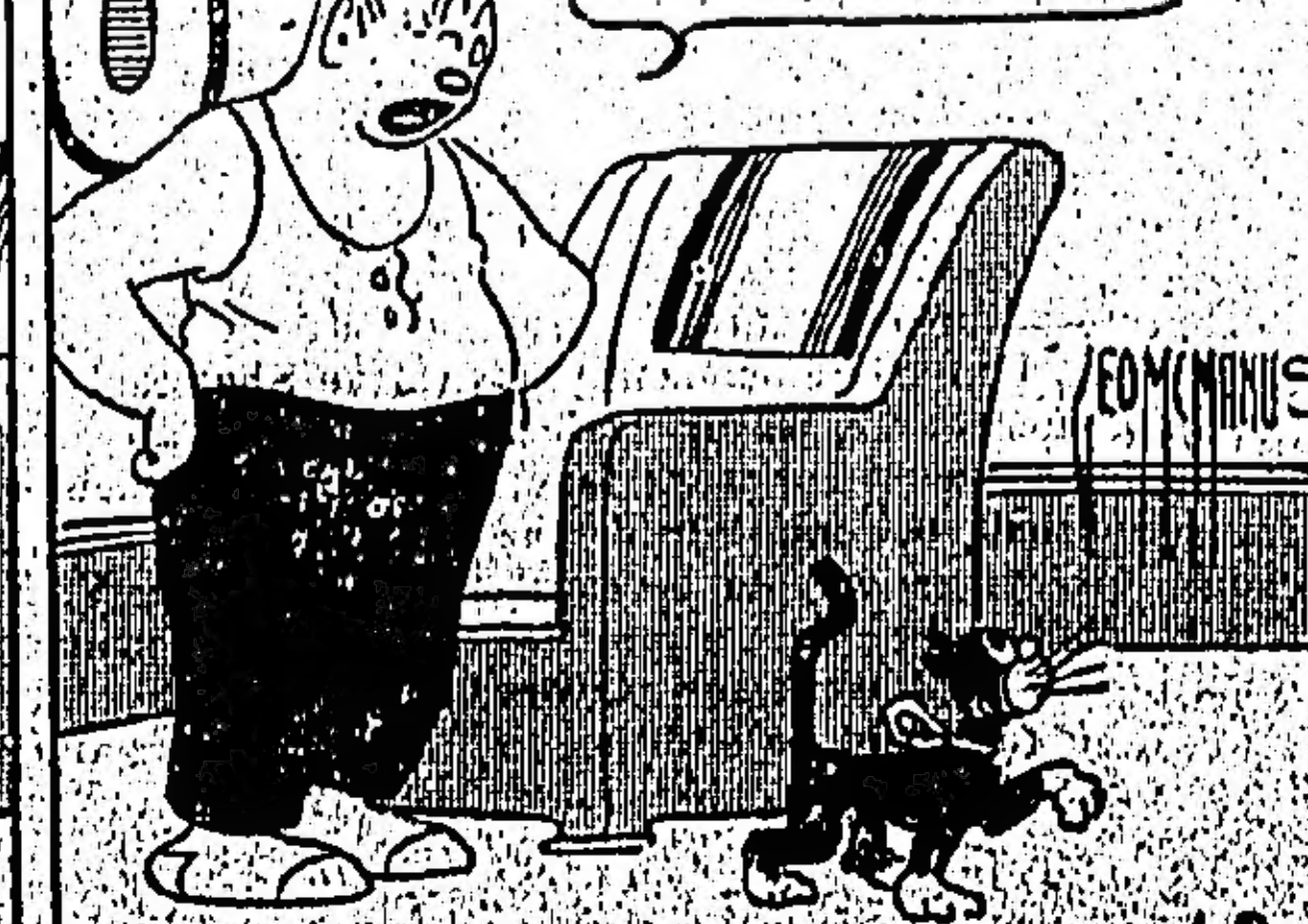
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BRINGING UP FATHER.

LADY HARDINGE.

EX-DIPLOMAT'S WIFE
WINS.

SIGNATURE BY FRAUD.

Lady (Alexandra Mina) Hardinge, wife of Sir Henry Arthur Hardinge, formerly British Ambassador to Spain, who was the defendant in an action in which Mr. A. Michael Jones, a registered money-lender, of 16, Conduit Street, W., was the plaintiff, was given judgment by Mr. Justice McCardie in the King's Bench Division.

The action was in respect of two bills of exchange for £1,000 each, drawn by Mr. J. St. Clair M. Yale, a solicitor, formerly of Green Street, Leicester Square, W.C., who was also a defendant, and against whom judgment had previously been signed.

Lady Hardinge, who accepted the bills, which were discounted by Mr. Jones, denied that she was the holder for value and alleged that she was induced to accept the bills by fraud of the drawer, Mr. Yale, of which alleged fraud, she asserted, Mr. Jones had notice.

Actress' Acquaintances.
Mr. J. St. Clair M. Yale, who stated that he was now practising at Great Marlborough Street, W., was further cross-examined by Mr. Schiller, K.C., for Lady Hardinge.

Mr. Schiller referred to Mr. Yale's bankruptcy, saying his unsecured liabilities were returned at £3,360 and his assets nil.

Mr. Schiller: Were some of your liabilities incurred in connection with somebody playing in "No No Nanette"?—Distinctly no Mr. Schiller.

Would you describe it as an acquaintance you had made with two girls acting in "No No Nanette," which acquaintance proved disastrous?—As a matter of fact, it did. I certainly spent too much money in that respect.

Up to August 1926 did you continue your heavy expenditure on the actresses and spend a great deal more than you had any hope of getting?—Yes.

Mr. Justice McCardie: What did you spend the money on?—On my own living expenses.

I thought counsel said you spent too much money on the actresses?—I spent the money purely on my own expenses. As to expensive presents, there were none at all.

Mr. Schiller: Dinners, dances, and so forth?—Very occasionally and not from March 1926.

Restaurant Bill.
Mr. Justice McCardie: How came your liabilities to be over £3,000?—My liabilities then were not much more than £500 to £700, including interest on the borrowed money.

Was this due to expenditure on the ladies at the theatre?—Partially, but not entirely.

Mr. Schiller: There was a little bill against you at Romano's Restaurant, in the Strand?—Yes.

Mr. Justice McCardie: Was that for meals and wines?—Yes.

Did that represent the actresses' requirements?—No. As a matter of fact, it represents my own. I have spent a good deal of money there.

How came you to do that and get credit for £15?—Because I knew the manager very well.

In re-examination, Mr. Yale said he had severed his relationship with the actresses by August 1926.

Mr. Jones, the plaintiff, said he had not the slightest suspicion that the bills were anything but good bills. Otherwise he should not have risked £1,550 to make £450.

Fear of Publicity.
Mr. Justice McCardie: That depends on the reliance you place on the fear of publicity that may ensue?—No.

You knew that Lady Hardinge was well known in society?—I knew she was the wife of Sir Arthur Hardinge. I did not know she was a lady in society.

Do you tell me that you made no inquiries as to who Lady Hardinge was?—Yes. I made a money-lender's inquiry.

The inquiry he made, added Mr. Jones, was as to whether Lady Hardinge had been borrowing money.

Mr. Justice McCardie, giving judgment, said that Mr. Yale, having no defence to the action, had permitted judgment to be entered against him. Lady Hardinge defended the action on the ground that she was induced to accept the two bills by the fraud of Mr. Turquand, acting for Mr. Yale, the drawer of the bills. He (Mr. Justice McCardie) appreciated that several reasons existed why Mrs. Turquand should not decide to be a witness for either side, and in her absence the case must be determined on the evidence given.

A central question was whether Lady Hardinge was a reliable witness. If she was right, Mrs. Turquand had paid a singularly hurried, and in his view singularly suspicious, visit to Cornwall, calling on Lady Hardinge and seeing Sir Arthur Hardinge. Lady Hardinge said that she did not want to sign the bills which Mr. Turquand did so on the strength of statements

GUARD'S FORTUNE.

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PROPERTY AND CASH.

Frank P. Waite, a member of the Manila police force and now on special detail as guardian of the entrance to Malacanang Palace, woke up one morning last week to find himself the heir to property and cash in California worth approximately \$100,000.

News of Waite's good luck was contained in a letter received from his foster father, J. A. Hamilton, a lumber dealer of Ontario, Calif., in which Patrolman Waite was notified of the death of his foster mother, Mrs. Margaret P. Waite Hamilton, which took place in Ontario last December.

Mrs. Waite had left a will in which he was named heir to her estate, comprising real estate, and money deposited with a bank in California. The will is now on probate in a California court.

Waite was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Waite when he was five years old in Kansas where Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Waite were then living.

He lived with his foster parents until he was almost 21, when he enlisted in the army. This was in 1899. Shortly after enlistment, he came to the Philippines with the 32nd U. S. Volunteers.

Arriving there in 1899, Waite has lived in Manila ever since. After he was mustered out, he worked for various firms in Manila and later joined the police force.

In 1910, Waite said, his foster parents left Kansas for Ontario, Calif., where they invested their money in orange groves. They later sold their groves to invest in real estate in Ontario, Pomona and Long Beach. In 1913 W. D. Waite, his foster father, died in Ontario, leaving all the property to Mrs. Waite. The real estate business went well and Mrs. Waite was able to accumulate money in the bank. From the income on this money in the bank she lived comfortably and used her income from the real property to enlarge her holdings.

Taking his first vacation trip to the United States in 1914, Waite visited his foster mother in California. She insisted that he remain there, but life in the Philippines was too enticing and he returned. He again visited her in 1921 when she once more urged him to stay, but the "call of the tropics" proved too much for him and he told her he had made up his mind to live in the Philippines.

In 1923, Mrs. Waite married J. A. Hamilton, a lumber man. In his letter, Mr. Hamilton told Waite that death came to his foster mother very suddenly as a result of heart trouble which she had had for some years and which was aggravated by an attack of grippe. She was 73 years old.

Though Waite has not made any plans as yet, and will not be able to do so until he hears from the probate judge, he said that he might sail for the homeland this year. Whether he returns will depend largely on the condition of the property left him by his foster mother.

The Bishop of Singapore will arrive in Bangkok to-day (February 28), and will leave on Wednesday, March 14. During his stay he will be the guest of the British Minister to Siam.

made by Mrs. Turquand, who said, in substance, that the money was wanted by Mr. Yale for business purposes and to be used for building land.

Lady Hardinge's Evidence.
If Lady Hardinge was right every one of the statements made to her was false in the grossest fashion. Mr. Yale wanted the money for his own personal expenses—to pay his debts and to meet his gross and unpardonable extravagance.

He (Mr. Justice McCardie) was quite alive to the fact that because a lady occupied an important social position he should not, for that reason, incline to her testimony. He was certain that she was an absolutely honest witness and was satisfied that what took place was what she had said.

It seemed to him that the visit of Mrs. Turquand was with the sole object of trapping Lady Hardinge into accepting the bills. She went for Mr. Yale's benefit, and he had no doubt that Mr. Yale authorised the statement made by Mrs. Turquand. Accordingly he held that the bills were obtained by the fraud of the authorized agent of Mr. Yale.

He was unable to accept the evidence of either Mr. Yale or his clerk, Captain Slaughter, on any point that conflicted with the evidence of Lady Hardinge.

Fraud having been established, Mr. Jones must suffer from the fraud, because when he received the bills Yale did not endorse them.

Lady Hardinge with costs.

TOO THRIFTY WIVES.

CARRYING ECONOMY TO THE
LIMIT.

MEN REVOLT.

New York.—It has been the custom since ancient times to blame household misfortunes on the extravagant wife, but America has begun to blame the thrifty wife for more marital unhappiness than ever has fallen on the shoulders of women who never learn the value of money.

The American wife is essentially a managing woman who likes to run affairs and does not hesitate to exert her authority over the family budget. It is quite the usual thing for American husbands either to give their weekly earnings to their wives, after taking out a modest proportion for their personal expenses, or if they are above the weekly pay envelope rank, to have a joint cheque account on which their wives can draw.

The husbands seldom draw the cheque. The wives are the family cashiers, and a survey of American household budgets has shown that excessive thrift rather than excessive extravagance is peculiar to the average woman.

Indeed, the custom of making the wife the treasurer of the American household has arisen from this feminine trait; but, like many good things in moderation, thrift can be carried too far, and American husbands are seriously complaining about the way they are being turned into money-making machines, with no say in the savings.

A number of confessions from husbands in this unfortunate position has been gathered.

Peer as Witness.
MANAGING DIRECTOR'S
LIBEL SUIT.

Lord Bethell gave the evidence in an action before Mr. Justice Rowlatt in the King's Bench Division in which Mr. John Coggan, of The Drive, Ilford, managing director of Harrison Gibson, Ltd., house furnishers, of Ilford, sued Mr. Wm. Edwin Dunhill, of Woodlands Road, Ilford. Damages were claimed for alleged libel. Privilege was pleaded as a defence.

Sir Patrick Hastings, K.C., for Mr. Gibson, said that in October 1926 the directors of the company gave the defendant notice to terminate his agreement as manager. Mr. Child then wrote a number of letters to the board culminating in one of December 13, 1926. In that letter Mr. Child accused Mr. Gibson of malice and meanness, and said of him:

"He shuts his eyes to irregularities in business. It would be highly remunerative for your board to appoint a commission of inquiry into specific practices allowed to go on and I could lay before the directors some staggering information."

Lord Bethell said in evidence that he was the chairman of the company, and in reply to Mr. Child, who conducted his own case, expressed the view that his dismissal was justified and in the best interests of the company. He did not think Mr. Gibson had treated Mr. Child unfairly.

Sir Patrick said he was not asking for heavy damages, and the judge, in giving judgment for the plaintiff with costs, awarded £25 damages. The action, he said, was almost hopelessly undefended. Mr. Child's conduct was unjustifiable and would have to stop. He accordingly granted an injunction against the publication by Mr. Child of any defamatory matter relating to the plaintiff.

The Buenos Aires Municipal Council has decided definitely to reject the offer put forward by a London group headed by Lord Amphil of construct an underground railway.

OFFICIAL SHOT.

MINISTERS RECALLED TO
BELGRADE.

LEAVE STOPPED.

Belgrade.—At Skopje, Jugoslavia, a young Bulgarian woman, Mary Bouleff, fired four shots at M. Velimir Prelitch, Councillor at the Prefecture, who was mortally wounded.

Bouleff, who was arrested, refused to make a statement. She lived in Sofia until three months ago. Her husband still lives in Sofia.

This is the second murder of a high official and has increased existing tension.

An urgent summons has been sent to all Jugo-Slav Ministers absent from Belgrade to return.

All New Year leave to Belgrade regiments has been stopped. Further serious complications are considered probable.

In the opinion of the newspaper "Pravda" the affair represents a fresh piece of work by the international-Macedonian revolutionary organisation.—Reuter.

ROUMANIA'S THRONE

ALLEGED LETTER FROM THE
LATE KING.

The "Journal" (says a Reuter Paris telegram) publishes a remarkable dispatch from its correspondent in Bucharest regarding the situation created by the death of King Ferdinand. The king, he writes, just before his death had a presentation of the complications which have now arisen and of the danger that might arise from a somewhat feeble regency.

M. Manollesco during his trial produced a document on this aspect of the question which deeply impressed his military judges, who acquitted him. This document purported to be a photograph of a letter addressed by the king to his deathbed to the late Prime Minister, M. Jean Bratianu.

This letter, the publication of which has been strictly forbidden by the Roumanian censorship, reads as follows:—

"My dear Prime Minister, Feeling my end approaching, my mind is obsessed with care for the greatness of the country, to which I have devoted my whole life. At this moment I am full of anxiety when I consider the new dynasty order which has cut off from inheritance to the throne my dear son Carol, who has been brought up and coached in the duties of a monarch. After 18 months of deep reflection I think that this decision cannot lead to tranquillity and progress in my beloved country. I trust that your wisdom as an adviser of the throne will direct you to return to the former dynastic order which is alone capable of enabling the country to develop. I write this as my last will, confident in your love of the country and its people and praying Heaven to bless my people and my son Carol, to whom I wish a fruitful and glorious reign.—(Signed) Ferdinand R."

M. Bratianu, the correspondent adds, denied having received this letter, and it is difficult to doubt the word of this eminent statesman. However, M. Maniu, the leader of the National Peasants' party, believes in the authenticity of the letter, and he considers the return of Prince Carol necessary for Roumania. It is believed that if freedom of voting is assured the National Peasants' party will secure a majority at the next election, which would probably result in M. Maniu becoming Prime Minister.

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CHILD'S HEALTH.

SIR GEORGE NEWMAN'S
PROPOSALS.

GREAT PRIMARY PROBLEM.

The need for the practical and sensible teaching of the laws of health in elementary schools is emphasised by Sir George Newman, Chief Medical Officer of the Board of Education, in his report for 1926 on "The Health of the School Child" which was issued recently.

In addition to school medical services generally, the report deals with the diet of school children, the prevention of rheumatism, and the importance of games and the provision of playing fields.

The physical condition of the child on its first admission to school (it is stated) is the great primary problem of the school medical service, and in last year's report local education authorities and school medical officers were invited to give their close attention to the question of the health of the pre-school child. The two difficulties to be met are these. The child may be under the maternity and child-welfare authority from birth to five years of age, and then from five to fourteen comes to the education authority. There is no continuous supervision by the same authority, though the child carries on its malady from one stage to the next. The second difficulty is that the child coming to the local education authority is often physically defective owing to the fact that there is no systematic provision for the child under school age to be medically treated. Hence local authorities receive what one school doctor has called "damaged goods," and pay out of the rates for their repair.

The report emphasises the importance of day nurseries and nursery schools in meeting these difficulties. For various reasons these have not been developed, but the need for their expansion grows more clear and obvious every year, and the beneficial results of such a movement as maternity and child welfare show what can be done in a single generation if the proper energy is directed to a particular problem. The report recommends the combining of the two institutions in one type of nursery for all children under school age, the nursery to undertake medical and social care and also training.

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HONG KONG HOTEL VISITORS.
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LEGS.

A QUEST FOR THE MOST
BEAUTIFUL POSE.

MOST IMPORTANT ITEM.

How should legs be worn? Four accomplished manipulators of graceful limbs spent a day trying to find the correct fashion in legs.

An army of specialists surrounded them in a Wardour Street studio to help them in their quest.

Man was ignored; it was only woman who was considered.

The quest was most scientific. The film director in the Pathe Studio looked long and carefully through the camera peephole. Before him was an expansive crinoline. Beneath it twinkled two tiny golden toes.

With the legs quite covered up it was hard to ensure a graceful posture. When it came to posing the bathing girl.

The Wrong Way.
Legs, we found during the test (writes an "Evening Standard" representative) are the most important item in a woman's appearance.

The area of her skirt is small nowadays. Her slim torso does not make it large pattern. Her feet, her hands, her head, and her hair are tiny units.

But her legs are the biggest single component of her make-up. The way she wears them makes all the difference.

The test was conducted thus:—A girl sat on a representation of a Tube seat. She crossed her legs; she re-crossed them.

For over an hour men with measuring rulers made alterations to the pose of her right calf on her left knee.

In the end we had the pose adjudged of the greatest beauty, which the camera recorded for the public delectation.

Then her sister sat on the seat. She crossed her legs the wrong way. The difference!

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Water Supply.
Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on February 1, 1928:—

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

1927 1928

Tytam 10' 0" 10' 0"

Tytam Bywash 25' 4" 23' 0"

Tytam Intermediate Level 2' 3"

Tytam Tuk 23' 1" 34' 0"

Wong Nei Chung 10' 0" 18' 3"

Pokfulam 21' 5" 22' 2"

[Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow"; A. denotes "Above Overflow"; Storage in millions of gallons.]

1927 1928

Tytam 259.44 289.32

Tytam Bywash 50 1.47

Tytam Intermediate 105.00 133.45

Tytam Tuk 915.42 722.00

Wong Nei Chung 10.61 11.20

Pokfulam 21.75 20.40

Total 1,403.71 1,227.84

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of January.

1926 1927

Consumption 228.54 239.69

Estimated population 408,480 418,800

Consumption per head per day 17.9 18.4

Intermittent Supply in all Rider Main Districts West of Eastern Street from January 1st to 30th inclusive.

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Full Supply in all Districts on January 31st.

Full Supply in all Rider Main Districts from 1st to 2nd January excepting the districts west of Eastern Street an intermittent supply was given 1st to 2nd January, 1928.

Intermittent supply in all Rider Main Districts from 3rd to 31st January excepting 3 days 21st to 23rd a full supply was operated on account of Chinese New Year.

KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

1927 1928

Kowloon Reservoir 14' 8" 14' 8"

Shok Lai Pui Reservoir 1' 2" 1' 10"

Reception Reservoir Level 2' 2"

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

1927 1928

Kowloon Reservoir 217.24 281.10

Shok Lai Pui Reservoir 65.71 93.36

Reception Reservoir 32.15 27.45

Total 315.10 399.91

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of January.

1926 1927

Consumption 75.62 89.53

Estimated population 158,550 163,600

Consumption per head per day 15.4 17.4

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MOTOR CAR SALE.

CURIOUS CASE IN SHANGHAI.

JUDGMENT AGAINST COMPANY

Shanghai, Feb. 24.
Judgment was given in favour of the plaintiff, by His Honour, Judge Purdy, in the U.S. Court yesterday, in the case R. A. de Souza v. China Finance Corp., Fed., Inc., U.S.A.
Plaintiff, a Portuguese citizen brought action against the defendants for return of his Buick four door sedan motor car, and for damages amounting to Tls. 1,500 and cost. Judgment was given for the plaintiff, for Tls. 986.65, without cost to either party.
Finding of facts in the case were that on or about September 20, 1926 plaintiff entered into a contract in writing with H. S. Honigsberg & Co., Inc., for the purchase of the motor car described in the action. The contract called, after an initial payment, for monthly payments at the rate of Tls. 107, beginning on October 3, 1926, the last promissory note to fall due on September 3, 1927. The title of the car was not to pass to the purchaser until after payment of all promissory notes or any other outstanding accounts at H. S. Honigsberg & Co. Plaintiff had duly paid the monthly instalments as they fell due.
On or about August 25, 1927, however, defendant in the action had purchased from Honigsberg's the last promissory note and took an assignment of the contract. Defendant had notified plaintiff in writing of the purchase and reminded him that the note would be due on September 3. On September 7 plaintiff had failed to pay the last promissory note and thereupon defendant had seized the Buick car while it was standing in one of the public streets of Shanghai.
On September 12, plaintiff had tendered payment to defendant who refused to accept the payment unless plaintiff would pay an additional Tls. 413.35 which defendant claimed was owing from plaintiff on an old account. Defendant claimed, also, that the car would not be returned unless plaintiff made payment of a further sum of Tls. 100 for expenses incurred in connection with the seizure of the car, and of Tls. 10 on account of one month's storage of the car.

A Breach of Contract.
In summing up, Judge Purdy stated that the action on the part of the defendant amounted to a breach of contract for the purchase of the automobile, and created a cause of action in favour of the plaintiff for a breach of contract and for damages resulting therefrom.

"Plaintiff has offered evidence tending to prove that the reasonable worth and value of this automobile on September 12, 1927, which was the day upon which the

defendant refused to perform and carry out this contract, was the sum of Tls. 1,600, but I find as a fact that on said date the automobile was of the reasonable worth and value of Tls. 1,400, and as a conclusion of law I hold that the plaintiff is entitled to a judgment as damages against the defendant in the sum of Tls. 1,400.

"Defendant has, however, set off as against the cause of action of the plaintiff, a counterclaim in the nature of an indebtedness due from the plaintiff to the defendant arising out of another matter.

"It seems to me quite clear from Section 1563 of the District of Columbia Code, That the claim of the defendant should be properly considered as a set off against the damages which the plaintiff has established, and I find as a fact that defendant's counterclaim and set off amounts to the sum of Tls. 413.35, which sum will be deducted from the Tls. 1,400 as damages allowed to the plaintiff, leaving a balance of Tls. 986.65, the amount for which judgment will be entered in favour of the plaintiff."

CHINESE IN U.S.

LARGE SUMS RAISED FOR NATIONALISTS.

Buffalo, N.Y., Jan. 23.
Chinese Nationalists in Buffalo and vicinity have sent between \$850,000 and \$860,000 to help the Nationalists in China, according to a statement made to-day by Joe Wu, a restaurant proprietor and Chinese leader. He estimated nearly \$850,000 had been raised in the United States by Chinese to aid their compatriots at home.



Even the telephone upsets one when the liver is out of order or the intestinal machinery is not functioning properly. Just a little dose of Pinkettes to-night will make telephoning seem a pleasure, and work a joy, to-morrow morning. Pinkettes, the dainty little laxatives and liver regulators, are to be had of all chemists, or post free, at 60 cents the vial, from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 60 Klange Road, Shanghai.

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SHANGHAI HOTEL RUMOURS.

ASTOR HOUSE.

Shanghai, Feb. 24.
Persistent rumours that the Astor House Hotel, operated by the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., had been sold or was about to be sold to a group of Japanese capitalists, yesterday were definitely dispelled by Mr. R. Weeding Skinner, Shanghai Manager for the concern.

A representative of "The Shanghai Times" learned that:—

1.—The Astor House Hotel has not been sold.
2.—There are no negotiations pending for the sale of the hotel.
3.—The Astor House Hotel has not been placed on the market.

"The rumour crops up regularly regarding the sale of the Astor House Hotel," Mr. Skinner stated yesterday. "There is not a grain of truth in the report."
Mr. Percy H. Suckling, General Manager of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., is expected to arrive in Shanghai shortly from Hong Kong, it was learned yesterday. Mr. Suckling, it is understood, is paying one of his regular business trips to this city in connection with the hotels operated here by the concern.

In connection with the Astor House Hotel rumours a very strong one had it that a group of Japanese business men had purchased the place and planned to convert it into an office building.

DANCING PONIES.

LORD LONSDALE HIS OWN TRAINER.

After one brilliant evening among some of the greatest performing horses in Europe a shooting pony belonging to Lord Lonsdale, which performed at the circus at Olympia, Kensington, W., will return to its normal life at Lowther Castle, Lord Lonsdale's place at Penrith, Cumberland. It is an ordinary shooting pony, trained personally by Lord Lonsdale, yet it danced as well, bowed as well, jumped as nimbly, and picked up handkerchiefs like its professional brothers. "Merlin" is its name. Its mother "Usury," a royal cream Hanoverian at Buckingham Palace, was given to Lord Lonsdale by the King.

Lord Lonsdale, who was an interested spectator at Olympia, said to a reporter:—
I have 32 shooting ponies at Lowther and I trained them all to do tricks. Some of them are just as good as "Merlin." They dance, roll on the ground, and twist their legs like "Tishy." "Merlin" is going back to Lowther."

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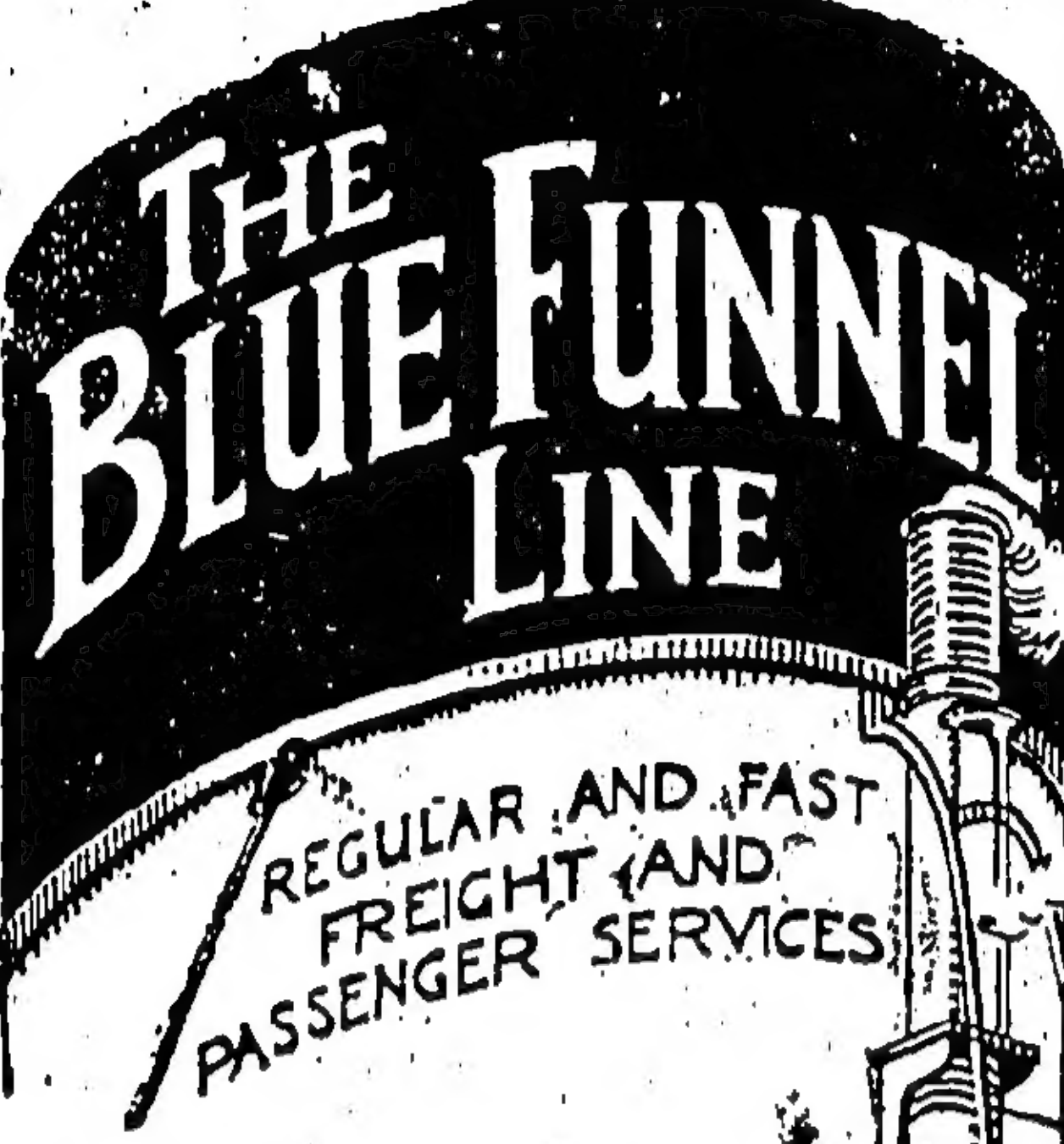
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POISON GAS.

Move To Prohibit Use In War.

BRITAIN'S ATTITUDE.

None Of The Powers Yet Ratified The Convention.

London, Yesterday. In the House of Commons in reply to questions, Mr. Baldwin stated the Government did not think it expedient to ratify the convention prohibiting poison gas in war time until all the important Powers had ratified or signified their intention of ratifying.

Lt. Comdr. Kenworthy suggested that Britain should follow the French example of ratifying without being bound until the other States had ratified.

Mr. Baldwin thought that if we were to await ratification that it would be the best way of achieving our ends and added that as far as he was aware no Power had signified its intention to ratify.—Reuter.

YELLOW RIVER.

80 VILLAGES INUNDATED; THOUSANDS HOMELESS.

Peking, Yesterday. The Yellow River has broken its banks at Litsing-hsien, near the mouth. Eighty villages were inundated and 20,000 people are homeless.—Reuter.

OPIUM CHARGE.

SHIP MASTER AND OWNERS SUMMONED.

CASE REMANDED.

Two summonses relating to the seizure of a large quantity of illicit opium made by Revenue Officers on board the s.s. "Hoicheong" on February 17, were mentioned before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Mr. G. R. Sayer, Superintendent of Imports and Exports appeared on both summonses as the complainant.

In the first instance Chan, Kai-yu, master of the "Hoicheong" lying at the Sakung wharf, was summoned that he on February 17 did unlawfully use the ship for the importation, carriage and conveyance of opium, to wit, 720 taels of raw opium and 125 taels of prepared opium.

Mr. W. D. Owen appeared for the defence and entering a plea of "not guilty," said that the defence intended to instruct Counsel in the case, and applied for a remand.

The other summons which related to the same seizure of opium and was similarly worded, was brought against the Ho On Steamship Company, Ltd., of Connaught Road Central.

Not Owners At Time.

Mr. M. M. Watson who appeared for the defence said in reply to the Magistrate that although his clients were summoned as owners of the "Hoicheong," they hoped to be able to prove in law that they were not the owners of the ship at the time of the seizure.

The Magistrate asked Mr. Sayer if it was admitted by the prosecution that at the time of the seizure the "Hoicheong" was not under the control of the defendant Company, it having been chartered to some other person.

Mr. Sayer replied that he believed that that was the case.

Mr. Watson said that his case was that the "Hoicheong" had been chartered, and in fact his clients had to take action against the charterers in the Admiralty Court and seize the ship from their hands.

Proceeding, Mr. Watson said that the charter party which was in Chinese was being translated. A translation of that document was necessary for the defence, and as it was a difficult document to translate, he would have to ask for time to have it prepared.

Hearing of both summonses was fixed for Monday afternoon next.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar

U.S.A. AND FRANCE.

Text Of Proposed Treaty.

ABOLISHING WAR.

Other Powers, Including Britain, To Be Invited To Co-operate.

Washington, Yesterday. The State Department has issued the text of Mr. Kellogg's reply to M. Briand's note on January 21 in regard to the anti-war treaty.

Mr. Kellogg demands that the treaty shall clearly set forth the determination of the parties to abolish war among themselves and condemn any effort to limit the scope of the treaty to "aggressors." It contends that exceptions and qualifications stipulating when nations shall be justified in going to war would weaken the treaty and concludes they are again proposing that France should join the United States in inviting Japan, Italy, Britain and Germany to consider the Franco-American exchanges of views for the purpose of concluding a multilateral treaty proscribing the recourse to war.—Reuter.

Comment on League.

Mr. Kellogg says that if members of the League of Nations cannot, without violating the terms of the League Covenant, agree among themselves and with the American Government to renounce war then it seems idle to discuss either a bilateral or multilateral treaties and points out that the recent Pan-American conference at Havana passed a resolution condemning war as an instrument of national policy and that it was significant that out of the 21 nations represented at that conference 17 were members of the League of Nations.—Reuter's American Service.

Another Note on War Treaty.

Washington, Yesterday. Mr. F. Kellogg, Secretary of State Department, has presented the French Ambassador with another Note in connection with the proposed Franco-American Treaty to outlaw war in reply to the French Note of January 21.—Reuter's American Service.

FRAUD DENIED.

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from His Honour's reference in the judgment that he also could not accept it.

\$52,000 Each.

The settlement arrived at as a result of the Original Jurisdiction action was that that the trustees should forthwith divide up the settled property, each beneficiary to get what would come to them at some time or other under the deed of settlement. The trustees had a right to distribute the property either when those concerned came of age or, if they thought fit, to do so at an earlier stage. The property was, in fact, distributed at once and the scheme was that all those concerned were entitled to an estimate of \$52,764 each of the total amount. A number of the brothers were to get cash but the two plaintiffs, with four other brothers, were to have assigned to them certain property valued at seven lakhs. If the two plaintiffs were infants, it would be seen from the beginning, claimed counsel, that the transaction was bad.

As their share of this property would be more than the \$52,000 to which they were entitled, the arrangement was that the two plaintiffs should raise and pay to the trustees to be distributed among the other beneficiaries, a certain sum in cash and also that they had to pay off a mortgage, the amounts together making up the difference between their shares and the others.

To raise this cash and pay off the mortgage it was necessary for the plaintiffs to raise a further mortgage and it was this with which the present case was concerned. Yet another mortgage was necessary—but with this the case was not concerned—to pay the sum of \$48,000 which it was alleged was paid to the interpreters, Sung and Leung.

Plaintiffs' Worse Off? So far as the plaintiffs were concerned, all that they had got as a result of the settlement was the interest in a piece of property mortgaged for five lakhs and in

THE EGYPT TREATY.

Active Negotiations With Britain.

FORECAST OF DRAFT.

Parliamentary Ratification To Follow Any Agreement.

London, Yesterday. Secrecy has been well maintained in London and Cairo during the course of the Anglo-Egyptian negotiations which, however, are believed to be proceeding actively.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, questioned in the House of Commons as to whether the proposals are being considered for the removal of the British forces from the neighbourhood of Cairo, requested the questioner to wait until he was able to present papers on the subject of the Anglo-Egyptian conversations. He promised that any proposed Treaty would not be ratified until approved by Parliament.

The Cairo newspaper "El Ahram" prints an official forecast of the draft treaty—firstly, that the British troops remain in the Canal Zone but on which side of the Canal is not specified; secondly, the Anglo-Egyptian condominium over the Sudan will be provisionally unaltered pending a definitive agreement; thirdly, Egypt may dispense with British advisers; fourthly, aerodromes will remain in British hands like other means of communication; fifthly, Britain to continue supervision of external affairs and Egypt will only conclude foreign treaties with the consent of Britain; sixthly, the Sirdar will be an Egyptian officer.

The "Elahram" criticises the proposals, accuses Britain of treating Egypt as a mandated country and anticipates that the conclusion of the treaty will be delayed pending a final settlement of the first two points.—Reuter.

Leader's Denial.

Cairo, Yesterday. Nahas Pasha, leader of the Wafd, when apprised of the progress of the Anglo-Egyptian negotiations, denied the accuracy of the "El Ahram's" forecast.

In the meantime "Al Mokattam" published a new version somewhat similar to "El Ahram's" but stating that the British troops will remain at the present stations for five years, that Egypt will have the right to conclude treaties for internal, economic and commercial affairs, but political treaties must be submitted to the British for approval. Reuter.

\$4,296.75 to the first plaintiff and of \$5,295.75 to the second plaintiff. The property would not fetch anything like the amount even for which it was mortgaged, plaintiffs were liable on the face of the mortgage deed under a personal covenant to pay five lakhs to either of the mortgagees who chose to sue them and they had been adjudged by Mr. Justice Wood to be liable to pay the whole of the mortgage money with interest by way of restitution under the Equitable Rule as a condition under which they could get property back.

Counsel commented that it was not necessary to obtain the assistance of the Court in getting the property back on those terms. Plaintiffs were entitled to it as a matter of right on the payment of the amount.

Commenting on the allegation of fraud, counsel pointed out that the first plaintiff, at any rate, would have been of age within two months of the date of mortgage and if he was out to benefit himself by representing himself as of age, how could one reconcile this with the fact that by waiting two months he would have had full possession of the amount of \$52,000 instead of the share in the heavily encumbered property.

It raised an entirely new rule of law, claimed counsel, if it was claimed by His Honour that by signing a document such as plaintiffs had—even if such document contained a statement as to age which it did not in fact—they were guilty of fraud. It was necessary, claimed counsel, to prove that plaintiffs knew they were represented as of over twenty-one and that they wilfully and intentionally represented themselves as such.

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E. V. JESSEN, Superintendent.
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